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COFFIN CONTAINED BODY OF T. C. DRUCE

Exhumation in London Cemetery This Morning Brings to an End Great Fight For Portland Millions.

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thos. Charles Druce in Highgate cemetery was exhumed this morning, just 43 years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectively to confim that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce.

The authorized statement follows: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged bearded man. The plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at Highgate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere; every tree apparently hid an officer. Entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds.

George Hollamby Druce, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and its vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but was met with a stern refusal.

The operation began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffins in the vault, containng the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly half-past eleven before the coffin, the contents of which have aroused the curiosity of the whole world, was brought up ready for opening and inspection.

The top was quickly unscrewed and the fastening of lead cut, and there was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the head office to carry out the exhubation to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings, which have cost all told a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers, who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of Geo. H. Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland. The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of.

Those persons who have sworn to the placing of a piece of lead in the coffin instead of a human have deposed to facts which now have been disproved, and they probably will have to take the consequences of their acts. So far as the general public is concerned the entire long drawn-out Druce-Duke of Portland controversy is at an end, and the case of the claimant, Geo. Hollamby Druce, has fallen to the ground.

COAL OIL TRAGEDY.

Husband Left Cup on Stove Which Exploded Killing His Wife.

Napinka, Man., Dec. 30.—Mrs. John Yeomans, wife of John Yeomans, one of Medora's most promising young farmers, died suddenly this morning as a result of injuries received from the explosion of a cup of coal oil.

Mr. Yeomans, before going out to do his chores, lighted a fire in the kitchen range, leaving a cup of coal oil, part of which he had used to light a fire, upon the top of the range. Mrs. Yeomans was in the act of dressing beside the range, when without any warning there was an explosion. In an instant she was covered with a mass of flames and before help could be secured was so badly burned that she died soon afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans had been married about a year and the tragedy has cast a gloom over the whole district. John Yeomans, the bereaved husband, is the son of S. Yeomans, one of the oldest farmers in the district. The late Mrs. Yeomans was Miss Lizzie McKay, formerly of Seaforth, Ont.

CIRCUIT OF HORSE SHOWS.

Movement on Foot to Include Spokane, Calgary, Seattle, Portland and Denver.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—A number of horse breeders, American and Canadian, have set a movement on foot looking to the organization of an annual circuit of horse shows, beginning in 1908.

W. B. Linn, the big horse breeder of Lafayette, Indiana, who is to have a large exhibition of horses here, and the Dominion fair next June and July, suggests that such cites as Spokane, Calgary, Seattle, Portland and Denver make up the circuit for these annual shows.

CHOPS LED TO TRAGEDY.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—Edward Prados was shot and instantly killed yesterday by his brother Milton over a pan of chops which the mother of the young men was frying for Milton. Edward threw the chops through the window. Later on Milton shot him, claiming self defence. A knife was found in the hand of the dead man.

WAR MUNITIONS FOR PHILIPPINES

U. S. Government Shipping Large Quantities of Material to Eastern Possessions.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Two thousand tons of war material, including over six million rounds of cartridges, much equipment for submarine mines, and seventy-five hundred Springfields, start for the Philippines this week. Army officers at first denied its presence.

EDITOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

John R. Cameron, of Hamilton Spectator, Passed Away at His Home.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—Jno. R. Cameron, editor of the Hamilton Spectator, died suddenly last night at his home near Watertown.

FAT MEN ON DIAMOND.

International Contest of Heavyweights on New Year's Day.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—Several times in the past have the American and Canadian fat men of this city crossed bats on the baseball diamond, and the Canadians proved themselves the better players of the American national game. A game has been arranged for New Year's Day, and the American heavyweights are promising to redeem their defeats of the past.

OVERDUE STEAMER ARRIVED.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The Allan line steamer Sicilian, overdue from Glasgow for Boston, arrived last night, having been delayed by stress of weather. Her officers report encounters with fierce gales.

On account of the stormy weather, it is thought probable that the steamer Anita, bound here from Norway with three hundred reindeer for Dr. W. T. Grenfell, head of the Labrador mission, will make a long passage. The steamer is now fourteen days out.

BY WIRELESS FROM SEYMOUR NARROWS

Communication Was Established Last Night From Gonzales Hill With Steamer Portland.

Supt. Haughton, of the Dominion government wireless station at Gonzales Hill, last night received the first message from the Alaska Steamship Company's northern liner Portland, at 7:30 last night, when that vessel reported that she was off Cape Mudge awaiting a favorable tide to get through Seymour's Narrows.

The Portland is the first vessel on the Skagway and Alaska route which has been equipped with wireless apparatus and the Alaska Steamship Company has received many congratulations for taking the pioneer part in this respect. The Portland will call at places like Katalla, Valdez and La Touche, out of the way points which have no communication, except by way of calling vessels, with other places. The Portland will, while at these places, maintain communication with all the stations along the coast which, in itself, will prove a boon and a blessing to the residents.

The establishment of communication with the Portland off Cape Mudge, affords another proof of what wireless is capable of. The space between the two points is almost altogether overland. As Cape Mudge is far beyond Cape Lazo, it is expected that no trouble will be found in establishing communication between Victoria and Cape Lazo direct.

UNEMPLOYED PILGRIMAGE.

380-Mile March to Toronto of 80 Englishmen—Three Fall By the Way.

New Liskeard, Ont., Dec. 28.—About eighty English immigrants, out of employment and with no money, started to walk from McDougall's Chutes, 100 miles north of here, to Toronto, a distance of 380 miles. Three of them were brought to the hospital here in a pitiful condition.

They all tell of hard usage received at the hands of some contractors on a railway line north of here.

PANTHER SPRANG AT BABY.

Exciting Experience of Household in New Brunswick.

Macadam, N. B., Dec. 30.—A panther entered the house of Ed. Irvine, a C. P. R. ticket agent, on Saturday night. The door had been opened to admit air, when the animal entered and sprang at the baby. Mrs. Irvine swooned when she saw the beast, and Irvine threw a stove poker at its head, enraging it. He followed up the attack with a chair and the snarling animal made a retreat. A posse went in pursuit but was unable to locate the animal.

EXCITEMENT KILLED HIM.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—George Home, a well known farmer of Chilliwack, dropped dead from excitement this morning after fighting a fire in Street Bros.' door factory.

BLOOD ON CLOTHES NIGHT OF MURDER

Alleged Damaging Evidence Against Manitoban Charged With Brutal Crime.

Gretna, Man., Dec. 30.—As a climax of a week's investigation into the brutal murder at Neche, N. D., of Fred Leclaire, the young railroad man, James O'Brien, the son of Deputy Collector of Customs O'Brien, was arrested last night and formally charged with the crime.

He was hurriedly taken to Pembina, the county seat, where he is held without bail. The arrest was made by two state detectives who have been handling the case.

The arrest of young O'Brien was not unexpected, as he has been under surveillance for several days, but the climax created a tremendous sensation throughout the section. His father is one of the best known men on both sides of the line in the country. Prior to becoming deputy of American customs, Inspector O'Brien was proprietor of a hotel at Neche.

It is said most damaging evidence was suddenly revealed against young O'Brien in the form of the bloody clothes which he wore the night Leclaire was beaten to death and his body buried under the ice of the river.

CHRISTMAS HILL IS NOT VOLCANIC

Prof Burwash Visited Spot To-day and Made Geological Examination of It.

The hypothesis that Victoria was nestling under the base of a dormant volcano, arrived at after Factor McKay's startling discovery of what appeared to be a crater on Christmas Hill, was exploded this morning, when Professor Burwash, an eminent geologist, visited the scene.

The orifice at the top of Christmas Hill is not the nest of vapor, lava and other death-dealing weapons of nature. There is no trace of subterranean disturbance and the sole responsibility of the alarm is laid at the door of Jack Frost, who caused the crater-like appearance during one of his frolics ages ago.

"The formation is purely of a glacial origin and there is absolutely no trace of anything that would tend to support the volcanic theory," declared Professor Burwash to a Times reporter this morning.

"The rock, which I closely examined, is composed entirely of crystalized schists rounded off and worn off by the pressure of the ice. The formation is the same as that on other hills surrounding Victoria which bear trace of the great pressure of the ice."

In concluding, the professor remarked that the appearance of the orifice is phenominally like a crater, but further reiterated his utter scorn that anything that would prove a menace was hidden in its bowels.

The party which started out early this morning consisted of Professor Burwash, who is connected with Columbian College, New Westminster; Rev. Mr. Kinney, and A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

VICTIMS OF LAMP.

Father Suffocated and Son Died of Burns in Ottawa Fire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—In a fire on Nelson street Saturday night, Mr. Desloges, a printer at the government bureau, was suffocated, and his son Alexander, seven years old, died from burns, on Sunday morning. The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lamp by Mrs. Desloges.

U. S. CONSULAR OFFICES CLOSED.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—The United States consular offices at Lethbridge, Fernie and Frank, Alberta, have been closed and the business handled by these offices will in the future pass through the hands of the Hon. Scott Hitchkiss, American consul in this city. It is claimed that over eighteen hundred cars have passed through Lethbridge and Fernie this year and those cities feel that they are being slighted by the United States consular service.

WEST IS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

BEST COUNTRY FOR CAPITAL IN WORLD

Belgian Capitalist Is Highly Optimistic Over Future of Saskatchewan and British Columbia

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—"I believe, in fact I am convinced through experience," said Ferdinand de Jardis, a Belgian capitalist who is interested in investments in various parts of the world, "that western Canada offers the best opportunities for the capitalist of any in the world.

"As you may know, I am intimately concerned in the Land and Agricultural Company of Canada, the chief shareholders of which are interested in investments in many quarters of the world. In western Canada the company is chiefly interested in the wheat lands in Saskatchewan and in fruit lands in British Columbia. At the present time I am merely paying a flying visit to my son, but naturally cannot help being aware of prevailing conditions throughout the country.

"I do not think there are many grounds for pessimism, as I feel confident that the position of western Canada is more favorable in a business sense than almost any other part of the world. I first became interested in Canada through the Canadian exhibit at Liege in 1905 and in the following year visited this country myself. I am sure that the speakers at the meeting the other evening at Winnipeg have every reason for their optimism. I leave for the Atlantic seaboard to-morrow."

NORTH WEST B. C. SWEPT BY GALE

LENORA SANK OFF MINSTREL ISLAND

Little Steam Tug Disappeared During Storm Leaving no Trace Behind.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The worst storm that ever occurred on the northwestern British Columbia coast within the memory of the oldest settlers was that of last Monday. A series of cyclones swept over the Mainland and the northern end of Vancouver Island, cutting clean cut avenues, hundreds of feet wide, in the heavy forests. Several large steamers were caught and narrowly escaped destruction, but it was in the great forests, where thousands of trees were mowed down, that the greatest damage was apparent.

Steam tug Leonora, of Vancouver, was left anchored while her crew went ashore at Minstrel Island. The vessel was sunk so quickly that when the captain and mate hurried down to the shore not a vestige of the vessel was to be seen, and her hull has not yet been located.

GALE DEVESTATED THE WEST COAST

Hundreds of Acres of Timber Lands Were Ruined By Storm at Quatsino.

Hundreds of acres of timber in the limits near Quatsino Sound were razed by the terrific gale which prevailed on Monday last, according to news from the west coast brought by the steamship Amur, which arrived in port last night from Cape Scott and way ports.

The Amur put into Quatsino during the gale, and while there those aboard could hear the crash of the falling forest giants high above the howling of the wind. At a conservative computation at least a million dollars' worth of timber was blown down along the coast, the larger trees destroying others which had not attained the full size for felling.

Very heavy weather was encountered both ways by the Amur, but the crew and passengers were fortunate in spending Christmas at Yreka Bay, on Quatsino Sound, the vessel tying up to the Yreka mine wharf. Assisted by a few people from the shore the whole ship's company enjoyed a pleasant evening, an impromptu concert being given.

On the way south yesterday the Amur passed the D. G. S. Quadra at Cape Beale, unloading supplies, and also passed a three-masted ship, whose name could not be distinguished, lying off Pachena yesterday afternoon awaiting a tug.

The Amur will lay up for an overhaul of the boilers, and her place will be taken by the Tees, Capt. Townsend, which sails for Ahousat and way ports on the 1st January.

INCENDIARIES AT WORK.

Three Fires, Totalling Loss of $50,000, Occur Within Two Days at North Battleford.

North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 30.—The old town of Battleford was visited by a serious fire on Saturday night, when a number of business houses in the heart of the city were destroyed.

The fire is believed to be incendiary, as there were two others on Friday, all pointing to the same cause. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of $50,000, while the insurance is only some $10,000.

WEDDED TO PLEASURE WHAT CARE THEY

French Cardinal Denounces Indifference of Country to Passing of Catholicism.

Lyons, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Coulte, Archbishop of Lyons, has issued a pastoral letter in which he describes in the most vigorous language what he terms, "The Sacrilligious Robbery," of the church in France during the first year of the application of the separation law.

He predicts that the state will persist in its efforts to laicize the hospitals, suppress the Catholic orders that still remain, and put an end to schools. Continuing, the cardinal complained that while a few of the faithful have been aroused to impotent indignation, the majority of them are wedded to their pleasures and business, and deceived by the newspapers, have shown themselves indifferent to what is happening.

He concluded with an appeal to Catholics to remain faithful, and says: "The evil days will pass and eventually we will taste the joys of victory."

ILLNESS OF EX-M. P.

St. John, Dec. 30.—George McInerney, who represented Kent, N. B. in the Commons from 1892 to 1900, is seriously ill at his home here.

FRANCE TO SHAPE MOROCCO'S DESTINY

Will End Anarchy in Vicinity of Casa Blanca--General Drude Recalled.

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is already apparent that the replacing of General Drude by General D'Amade marks the beginning of a more energetic policy in Morocco. There is reason to believe that General Drude's recall is due as much to dissatisfaction with his hesitating course as to illness.

France has reached a complete understanding with the foreign board of Morocco. The rebellion under the leadership of Mulai Hafid is no longer formidable, and the French government has decided that the time has come to take a bolder position. General D'Amade will be given reinforcements, and will be expected to put an end to the anarchy prevailing in the vicinity of Casa Blanca.

The Temps to-night declares that 1908 will witness an important change in France's Moroccan policy. "While the government intends to keep within the limits of prudence and fulfill its international obligations," the paper declares, "it purposes also to repair the errors committed in the past and to regain the time lost."

WIPED OUT BUSINESS SECTION.

Richards Landing, Near Soo, Was Prey to Flames.

Sault Ste Marie, Dec. 30.—Fire on Saturday night wiped out the entire business section of Richards Landing, a town about 23 miles below the Soo. The fire started in the Tweed block, which was totally destroyed as also were the following business places: Armstrong's drug store and furniture store adjoining, Richards' residence, Methodist parsonage, Smedley's butcher shop, the post office and a large block adjoining the post office. The loss is not yet known.

KILLED HIS MOTHER.

Eight-Year-Old Boy Perpetrates Matricide in Cold Blooded Fashion.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Geo. Hoedshilt, of Scranton, was accidentally shot and killed here yesterday by her eight-year-old son Lewis.

Mrs. Hoedshilt was talking over the telephone. Her son who had previously been shooting at a mark with a Flaubert, came into the room, and pointing the weapon at her, pulled the trigger. The bullet struck Mrs. Hoedshilt in a vital spot and she lived but a short time.

MURDERER MUST DIE.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The cabinet has declined to interfere in the death sentence of John Boyd, the colored porter, who is to hang on Jan. 8th for the murder of Frank F. Mandle, a colored restaurant keeper in Toronto, last July.

SAD TRAGEDY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

LOGGERS DROWN UNDER SNOW-COVERED BOOM

Two Men Were Bound to Rock Bay to Spend Holiday Among Friends.

On their way to celebrate Christmas with their friends at the Hastings lumber camp, Rock Bay, Johnson straits, two loggers, M. McOscar, aged 40, and Kenneth Matheson, aged 26, were drowned in seven feet of water while crossing a snow-covered boom after dark on Christmas eve.

The men had been out in the woods and were heading for the camp along a trail which led to a small lake in the vicinity of the logging camp. They came upon a boom covered with snow, and in attempting to cross this death-trap both fell into the water. The boom closed over them, and they were unable to get a grip on the slippery, ice-coated logs. No one was near to hear their cries, and both of them drowned in only seven feet of water.

The bodies were found next day by a party which went in search of the men, and were brought to Vancouver by the steamship Queen City, which arrived in port this morning. Rock Bay, where the double fatality occurred, is over one hundred miles up the east coast. Little is known about the two men, but it is said that McOscar's wife and family are on their way to Vancouver, where they were to join him.

The Queen City had an uneventful trip. She brought 30 passengers down to the Terminal City and a small quantity of freight, afterwards calling at Ladysmith for a scow load of coal, which was brought to Victoria. The steamship sails north again on Wednesday night.

SITUATION AT GOLDFIELD.

Governor Sparks Calling Extra Session of Legislature to Deal with Crisis.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks, of Nevada to-day wired President Roosevelt that he is now preparing a proclamation calling the legislature of Nevada into an extra session. According to the president's last communication to the governor, troops will now be ordered to remain at Goldfield for a period of three weeks.

SAFE BROKEN OPEN.

Robbers Decamp With $3,000 From Truxton Bank.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Truxton says cracksmen blew the safe of Miller & Sons bank early to-day and secured $3,000 in cash. The safe was completely wrecked and the interior of the bank badly damaged. The burglars made their escape with a horse and wagon. The rig was found later at Cortlandt.

PRIZE-FIGHTER PREACHED THE WORD

Hundreds in Ottawa Heard Transfigured Alf. Allen on "Cowards and Heroes."

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Hundreds were turned away, unable to obtain an entrance at the Bennett theatre yesterday afternoon to hear Alf. Allen, a converted prize fighter, who had been announced to speak under the auspices of the Men's Rescue Mission on "Cowards and Heroes." Within the theatre was gathered an audience of men who filled it to its capacity. Standing room was at a premium. The speaker did not attempt oratory or doctrine, but contented himself with speaking of things within his knowledge.

"I prayed God," he said, "that I might return to Ottawa, where I could tell of the work of God for me, and that people might see it in my face."

There were the old features, so well known to admirers of prize fights, but they were lit with a new light which fairly transfigured them and all who saw were constrained to admit that something had greatly improved them. Allen was converted at the Torrey and Alexander meetings over a year ago. Since then he has been at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

Amoy, China, Dec. 30.—Active construction work has begun on the telegraph lines which are to connect Amoy with the two other cities of this prefecture, the Unjoufu, fifty miles to the north, and Chang Chou Fu, thirty miles to the west. The construction and operation of these lines is entirely under the control of the Chinese government.

DIED AT FOURSCORE.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Madame Paul Bruchesi, mother of the Archbishop of Montreal, died yesterday, aged 80 years.

BISMARCK'S FRIEND GAVE EVIDENCE

PROFESSOR TOLD OF VON MOLTKE'S VIOLENCE

Further Revelations in German Court Scandal--Degeneracy in High Circles.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The reassembling in this city to-day of the court which is hearing the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit, attracted a small attendance. Harden appeared to be very unwell, while Count Von Moltke was exceedingly cheerful and keenly interested in the proceedings.

The evidence of Prof. Schweigner, who was physician to the late Prince Von Bismarck, was read to the court. The professor declared that he had no ill-feeling against Von Moltke, in spite of the coolness existing between the count and Mrs. Schweigner.

Haden, the professor said, had met the hereditary princess of Saxe Meingen twice in his palace in the course of visits at Schwaneck. On one of these occasions the princess talked about Gen. Count Wilhelm Von Hohenhau, and expressed her sorrow that "such degeneracy should occur in high circles."

Prof. Schweigner deposed that he was very much astonished, when, following the appearance of the articles in Die Zukunft, the excitement against Harden broke out. He could not understand the reason, as the articles were not intended to have a personal, but only a political significance.

Prof. Schweigner, who is now 57 years old, was for 25 years a notable figure in Germany because of his intimacy with Prince Von Bismarck. This began when Schweigner was about 20 years old. The young man became Bismarck's physician for gout, and this led to confidential and personal relations which made Schweinger a political personage until the old chancellor died. Since that time, the professor has quietly pursued his professional duties in the university of Berlin. The reappearance of Schweinger recalls to the German public the days when he was reputed to be one of Bismarck's most able advisers.

Continuing, Schweinger said he considered Mrs. Von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count Von Moltke, to be mentally sound and not likely to suffer illusions. He consequently believed her original assertions. She had related many incidents of the count's violence, in which he alone appeared to be blameable. The professor had heard rumors of the perversity of Prince Philip Lu Eulenberg during the life of Bismarck, but the name of Von Moltke was never mentioned in connection with these matters. Mrs. Von Elbe told him that her former husband, the count, loved Zu Eulenberg more than he did herself.

The state then introduced a number of witnesses whose testimony tended to discredit Mrs. Von Elbe. Her former paid companion, Miss Mai, said Mrs. Von Elbe was an unreliable woman, and that she had suffered much at her hands. She misjudged everybody, was often excited and quarrelsome without reason, and it was her custom to talk to respectable young girls concerning the most depraved acts. The count suffered greatly from his wife's disposition, but he was patient with and kind to the countess, no matter what she did.

Mrs. Von Dem Marwiez testified that Mrs. Von Elbe's mother, Mrs. Von Veyden, once confided to her that her daughter was ill-advised and untrustworthy. "Mrs. Von Veyden poured out her heart to me and complained bitterly about her daughter," the witness said.

Baroness Swaszen then testified that Mrs. Von Elbe during her first marriage with Von Kruze acted dissolutely. She mentioned very many details.

Countess Danskellann swore to circumstances detrimental to Mrs. Von Elbe and to Count Von Moltke's enthusiastic admiration to his fiancee during their engagement. When he was first engaged to be married he wrote of his "brilliant good fortune in winning such a remarkable woman."

ELOPING PASTOR IS NOW LABORER

Left Aristocratic New York Church With Heiress--"Happiest Eight Months of His Life."

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Rev. Jere Knode Cook, pastor of the aristocratic St. George's church on Long Island and a Yale man, whose elopment eight months ago with Loretta Whaley, an heiress, caused considerable excitement, was spotted here yesterday afternoon by a Call reporter. The couple have an infant. Cooke has been making a living as a common laborer and says the past eight months have been his happiest. A warrant on the charge of abduction awaits him.

CARBERRY HOTEL GUTTED.

Carberry, Man., Dec. 30.—Fire has destroyed the Dufferin hotel here with a loss of $15,000.

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VICTORIA GOLFERS WIN AT TACOMA

Four Matches Out of Six Won by Local Team, Prior and Scholefield Defeated

The Victoria Golf Club team beat the Tacoma team at the American Lake links yesterday, winning four out of the six matches played, in the competition for the Treat cup. There was a large gallery of golf enthusiasts, and the playing from start to finish was full of interest.

Probably the best game of the afternoon was that played off between Chester Thorne, of Tacoma, and Capt. Combe, of the Victoria team. Both players did exceedingly clever work, and they were followed by a large number of the gallery.

Another more than ordinarily interesting game was that played off between Dr. Boyd, of Victoria, and Phillip Kershaw, of Tacoma. Both these matches were won by the visitors. The following are the results:

Dr. Boyd, of Victoria, defeated Phillip Kershaw, of Tacoma, 3 up and 2 to play.

Combe, of Victoria, defeated Thorne, of Tacoma, 3 up and 2 to play.

Magill, of Victoria, defeated Van Miltenger, of Tacoma, 6 up and 5 to play.

Fransioli, of Tacoma, defeated Prior, of Victoria, 4 up and 3 to play.

Rithet, of Victoria, defeated Smith, of Tacoma, 2 up.

Bremner, of Tacoma, defeated Scholefield, of Victoria, 3 up and 2 to play.

Lunch was served the visiting players at the Country Club, and last evening a banquet was given in their honor at the Union Club. They left last night for Portland, where they will play the Portland Club team Tuesday.

So far the Victoria Club has lost but one game, which was won by the Seattle Club yesterday. If they win the match at Portland Tuesday they will be even with the Queen City Club in games won. They have beaten the Portland Club on the Victoria links, and have hopes of carrying away the honors at the Portland links.

Tacoma has yet to play a return game at Victoria.

STANFORD GLEE CLUB.

Organization Will Appear on Friday at Victoria Theatre.

In the Stanford combined musical clubs, which will appear here next Friday night, lovers of music and merriment will be treated to a production of extraordinary merit and ability. The mandolin and glee clubs which are making their annual tour of the coast cities are composed of 35 musical artists chosen with extreme care from the entire student body of Stanford university, after a deal of hard work and care on the part of the leaders, who are prominent upper classmen at Stanford, and thoroughly fitted for the responsibility which they have assumed.

The clubs have made an unusually happy selection of musical numbers this year, and the programme, which will be presented on Friday night, is made up of classic and popular selections of rare merit, which will appeal to all music lovers. In connection with the musical organizations will appear three clever "stunt men," also chosen after keen rivalry from the mass of Stanford students, and their musical specialties and monologues will add a pleasing element to the performance.

In short, the clubs this year have perhaps the best entertainment of the kind ever offered in the coast, and have been excellently received all along the line.

LAID AT REST.

Late W. J. Nelson Buried Yesterday—Orangemen Conducted Services.

The funeral of the late William J. Nelson, of Rossland, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., where service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, assisted by Rev. C. Burnett. Appropriate hymns where sung. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers.

The members of the Loyal Orange Lodge attended in a body. Bro. D. C. McLaren, grandmaster, assisted by Bro. A. J. Brace, acting chaplain, conducted the L. O. L. service at the grave side. The following acted as pallbearers: W. H. Cullen, J. Dean, E. Sherritt, A. Anderson, I. Walsh and F. Allatt.

—The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. mission branch was held yesterday afternoon. It was decided to raise a fund of $50 for the purpose of maintaining and helping on the work. Among the speakers during the afternoon were Rev. E. Leroy Dakin, Professor Burwash and A. J. Brace.

—E. A. James, who has been living on Pemberton road, has left on a visit to Winnipeg, his old home. As is well known Mr. James was formerly manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, with his headquarters in the prairie metropolis, and has been residing in Victoria for his health. Mr. James will probably return to Victoria in the course of a few weeks.

—The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church is giving a social this evening, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The following will take part in the programme: Miss Howell, piano; Mrs. Gleason, recitation; Mr. Dixon, vocal solo; Mrs. Davies, cornet solo; Mr. Shandley, vocal solo (bass); Mr. Longfield, violin solo; Misses Andrews, vocal duet; Mrs. Proudlove, vocal solo.

—The death occurred yesterday at the St. Joseph's hospital of Mary Jane, wife of David Smallwood, aged 33 years. Deceased leaves three children and is also survived by her father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. A. N. Hobkirk, Miss E. McCarter and three brothers, Alexander, Laurence and Robt. McCarter. Mrs. Smallwood was born in Walkerton Bruce County, Ontario, and came to Victoria over ten years ago.

WILL CONSIDER WATER SUPPLY

QUESTION TO COME UP THIS EVENING

Resolutions on the Subject of Improving the System to be Disposed Of.

To-night two very important matters will come before the council in relation to the water supply of the city. One is the resolution of Alderman Henderson which reads as follows:

"That the city introduce a by-law to raise the sum of $619,000 for water works purposes, the annual cost to be met out of the frontage tax and water revenue."

The Mayor will also ask that a referendum be taken at the time of the general election, asking:

"Shall the corporation of the city of Victoria, in addition to the proposed improvement to the Elk lake water supply, take such immediate steps as shall be necessary to secure an increase of the city's water supply from Sooke lake.

Alderman Henderson when seen regarding his motion said that the council were unanimous at the time of the engagement of Expert Adams in stating that they should submit his proposal to the electors without amendment. The first step in this was covered by his resolution. The present supply was the first step in the improvement of the supply, and the by-law which he proposed introducing would cover that as well as the introduction of a re-distribution system.

In regard to the proposal of the Mayor it seems to be quite a general opinion that the Sooke Lake proposition should not be singled out for the referendum but that all three should be inserted. The people should be asked which of the three they prefer, Sooke, Goldstream or the Highlands, as an auxiliary to Elk Lake.

The rate of $619,000 proposed by Ald. Henderson will provide for a redistribution system and a reservoir at Smith's Hill, all of which it is argued, will be of use even if another source of supply is sought later.

TWELVE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(Special to the Times).

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Shortly after 12 o'clock to-day westbound passenger train, No. 3, left the track at Floristen and rolled into the Truckee river.

Several people were killed, but the number is not known.

A call was sent to Sacramento for doctors.

ASKING HELP.

Hindus in City Want a House Built to Live in.

G. D. Kumar, Indian religious worker among the Hindus of Victoria, in appealing for help for his countrymen, says: "I asked the mayor that as many of my countrymen are out of work they would feel highly obliged if he could give them work as he was giving work to white faced men. At the same time I requested him for shelter, as the season was very cold and rainy and I could not get a house to hire for them. He, instead of giving us a shelter, wanted to deport us all. But the other day one true Christian offered me a piece of land on Douglas street to erect a shelter for the Hindus and save them from death. This is the difference of two personalities, one a public official and the other an ordinary true Christian. Now, I appeal to the generous hearted public of Victoria to help me to get this shelter erected and save the poor Hindus from such a severe cold and rainy season. Any contributions toward this will be thoughtfully accepted."

S. Steele, of Vancouver, formerly of Paisley, Ont., is visiting friends in the city.

COTTAGE CITY IS AGAIN DISABLED

Pacific Coast Steamship Broke Main Shaft and Tug Pilot Is Towing Her.

The Pacific Coast steamship Cottage City is again in trouble. On Saturday night the steamship, which sailed from Seattle on Friday night for Lynn Canal, broke her main shaft off Comox. She anchored and later secured the services of the local tug Pilot, which is towing her to the Sound. The Cottage City broke her tail shaft on November 9th, and was towed to Bella Bella by the Dirigo, afterwards being brought south by the tug Wliam Jolliffe.

With salvage claims and the expense of repairs, the operation of the vessel for the past six months will prove a heavy loss to the company.

NEW C. P. R. ISSUE.

Flotation of Stock to Amount of $28,320,000 Authorized by Directors To-day.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway this afternoon the directors authorized the issue of new stock to the amount of $28,320,000 so as to bring up the authorized capital of the company to $150,000,000. New stock will be issued from time to time as requirements needed.

At a subsequent meeting the directors decided to issue $24,346,000 of new stock which will be issued to shareholders on the basis of twenty per cent. of their holdings. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said the money will be used for improvements and additions to the company's lines. He also denied the rumors that the C. P. R. is after the Boston and Maine and Chicago Great Western railways.

CYCLOPS BRINGS ASIATICS.

Blue Funnel Liner Which Reached Port Yesterday Had 5,000 Tons of Cargo.

The Holt liner Cyclops, Capt. Harris, arrived in port yesterday evening from Liverpool via Oriental ports, bringing 40 Japanese and 7 Chinese. The Japanese were all well supplied with money and were allowed to land.

The Cyclops had a pleasant trip only two days of bad weather being experienced. Her passage was uneventful.

Altogether the Cyclops had about 5,000 tons of general cargo, and will return to port from the Sound during the week to unload the local freight. She brought 66 bags of mail, 5 being for Victoria and Vancouver. After landing passengers the big Blue Funnel liner sailed for Seattle about 9 o'clock last night.

ACCIDENT ON GEORGIA.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia is lying in English Bay with her steam-steering gear smashed. She will make repairs before coming here.

—There will be a dance in the A. O. U. W. hall on New Year's night, where everyone will have a good time, and good music will be supplied by Miss Thain's orchestra.

A. C. Flumerfelt has returned from a trip to the east, where he had business to transact in connection with some of the organizations with which he is associated.

DIED.

SMALLWOOD—In this city on the 29th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mary Jane Smallwood, beloved wife of David Smallwood, aged 33 years, a native of Walkerton, Bruce County.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the residence of her father, W. G. McCarter, Esq., 646 Henry street, and from thence to Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO RENT—Poultry and fruit farm, capable of carrying 2,000 chickens and 500 fruit trees. Address Box 140, this office.

DANCE—In A. O. U. W. hall New Year's night. Everybody welcome.

WANTED—To rent small farm or suburban home of seven rooms, furnished. Six months' rent in advance. Apply Box 147 Times Office.

LOST—On Friday, a long brown fur. Return to Times office. Reward.

Slaughter Sale

OF SHOES

FOR THE NEW YEAR

LADIES' EMPRESS BOOTS, at, per pair $1.00

Less than stamped prices.

LADIES' AND GENTS' FELT AND CARPET SLIPPERS ..... At Cost

GENTS' GUM BOOTS, of every description ..... At Cost

EVERYTHING REDUCED TO CLEAR OUT A BIG VOLUME OF STOCK THIS WEEK.

COME EARLY AND GET YOUR CHOICE OF THE BIG BARGAINS.

Watson's Shoe Store,

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SPECIAL SALE OF

MILITARY BRUSHES

NOW ON.

Import order just arrived to-day.

See Our Display in Window.

GEO. A. FRASER, Prop. 30-32 Government Street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WILL THE FINDER of a buggy bicycle lamp and some pieces of harness please return same to Cameron & Caldwell's stable, Johnson street, and receive reward?

CARPENTER wants work, by the day, contract or jobbing; distance no object. 1288 Gladstone Ave., Spring Ridge.

OWNERS of timber claims or leases who desire to make a quick sale are requested to send all particulars as to nature and location of claims and lowest prices to Post Office Drawer 705.

WANTED—Girls from 14 years of age to learn the tailoring business, a good opening for bright girls. Apply Wide-Awake Tailoring Co., 543 Johnson street.

WANTED—Young girl, for light house work. Apply 1226 North Park street.

SITUATION WANTED—Young man, with Winnipeg experience as stenographer, desires situation in Victoria. Address Advertiser, P. O. Box 380, Victoria.

PROTECT YOURSELF—$2,000 paid for accidental death, $15 per week accident indemnity, $15 per week sickness indemnity, $100 emergency relief benefit. Identification certificate enclosed in handsome leather pocket book, and identification key check. Total cost $5. Identification Company of America, Room 9, Mahon Bldg. Reliable agents wanted in every locality. Good commission and quick advancement to right parties.

WANTED—Room and partial board, in a quiet home, for lady, on or near Dallas road. Address Box 144, Times Office.

Victoria THEATRE

FRIDAY, JAN. 3rd.

35—ARTISTS—35

Stanford University

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Musical and Glee Clubs

Prices 50c., 75c. and $1.

Box office opens 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 1st. Mail orders accompanied by cheque will receive their usual attention.

FOR ALDERMAN

Ward Five

At the earnest request of a large number of the ratepayers in the above ward, I beg to offer myself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections, and solicit your vote and influence.

ALEX. PEDEN

THE HEALER

EDW. OLNEY

Cures are being effected daily that would be considered beyond belief except by those who have been healed. A gentleman was instantly healed of rupture, while a lady was healed of deafness. Such cures are being effected daily in the healer's office in the VERNON BLOCK, corner Douglas and View streets. Consultation free.

New Year Presents

Handkerchiefs, ladies' lace and embroidered edge, 15c to $1.00

Ladies' Handkerchiefs in handsome boxes, six in box $1.75

Gentlemen's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 50c

Ladies' Gloves, (Perrin's), per pair, $1, $1.25 and $1.50

Perrin's 12-button Gloves, special $1.75

Lace Cravats, from 30c

Umbrellas for Ladies and Men, $1 to $10

Squaw Bags, from 45c to $2.50

Beaded Bags, from 35c

Children's Purses, from 10c

Cushion Covers, from 25c

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Wescott Bros.

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44 Beautiful Lots

Two minutes' walk from car line. High, dry, level, no rock. On some of them there are ancient oak trees with a magnificent spread of branches. These are undoubtedly the finest lots in Victoria. They are full size, 60x120 feet each.

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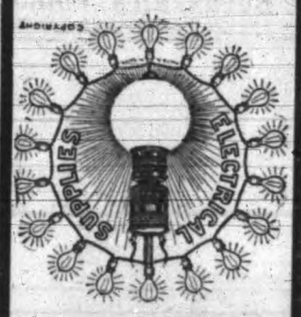

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PRICES POPULAR.

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For New Year's

If you want some little remembrances for your friends, look over our lines of

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A large supply on hand of

COKE and CHARCOAL TINPLATES, TERNEPLATES, CANADA PLATES, SHEET LEAD, PIG LEAD, PIG TIN, TINSMITHS' SOLDER, WIPING SOLDER, SHEET ZINC, COPPER BARS, SCRAP ZINC, OAKUM, ETC.

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Buchanan's Popular Scotch Whiskies

ARE ALWAYS IN DEMAND.

They Never Fail to Please the Taste of the Most Particular.

BUCHANAN'S RED SEAL, per bottle $1.00
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BUCHANAN'S ROYAL HOUSEHOLD, per bottle $1.50
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MAY BE HAD FROM ALL FIRST CLASS DEALERS.

PIM'S REAL IRISH POPLIN NECKWEAR

A very large new consignment of these famous CRAVATS just to hand. Narrow, medium and broad gauge widths; all the latest stripes and self colors to suit all complexions.

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MIRRORS,
SHAVING SETS,
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BRUSHES,
MANICURES,
CHOCOLATES,
In Fancy Boxes, Etc., Etc.

HALL'S Central Drug Store

N. E. Cor. Yates & Douglas, Victoria, B. C.

QUEBEC'S PREMIER TO WED.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—It is announced here to-day that Hon. Lomer Gouin, prime minister of Quebec, will be married in a short time to Madame Thibaudeau, a wealthy widow lady of Three Rivers, and that the Premier and his bride will spend a few weeks in the City of Mexico, returning in time for the opening of the session at Quebec, which will be called some time in February.

MANITOBA IS CRIMINAL UTOPIA

FOUL MURDERERS ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

Supineness of Police Alleged to be Due to Parsimony of Attorney General's Department.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28. — Considerable comment has been heard on the streets lately owing to the number of men charged with serious crimes who have so far escaped punishment.

The police say there are a number of men wanted on charges of murder, but no systematic plans have been made to apprehend them.

It is claimed that the police department is seriously handicapped owing to the attorney-general's department declining to approve the spending of the necessary money to detect criminals or to bring them to justice.

Some weeks ago two Chinamen were brutally murdered on Salter street, and the chief of police, in his anxiety to secure the capture of the perpetrators of the murder, engaged a detective familiar with eastern methods, and put him to work to detect the criminals. Higher officials, however, declined, it is said, to authorize the expenditure of the money even to secure the capture of the perpetrators of one of the coldest blooded murders ever occurring in the province. From the number of men charged with murder and other very serious offences, and who have escaped, Manitoba seems to be a regular Utopia for the culprits.

At the present time, the police are supposed to hold warrants for three men wanted to answer a charge of murder.

In July, 1905, H. Wilson Todd is alleged to have murdered a girl called Biron in a city hotel, but for some reason he seems to have been allowed to get clean away, and it is doubtful if the attorney-general's department now even remembers the incident.

Since that time a Galician named Slobojan, wanted for murder in the north end of the city, has escaped, and not even a whisper is heard of any attempt by the crown's law officers to secure his apprehension.

Within the last three months the grand jury returned a true bill against "Doctor" Oscar Margolei, wanted on a charge of murder of a girl, and although the doctor was in the city about the time of the inquest on the girl, and was since known to be in Montreal, no serious effort seems to have been made to apprehend him.

Another case that cropped up within the last year or so is that of an American named Charles Douglas, who was charged before Mr. Justice Mathers with conspiracy to defraud a number of farmers at Morris, South, of land, etc., valued at over $12,000, and the indictment was quashed owing to being faulty. As soon as the indictment was quashed he walked out of the court a free man, and was allowed to escape, owing to the law officers of the crown neglecting to swear another information against him. The second warrant for his apprehension was not issued for three hours after the quashing of the indictment. It is said that this man can be secured by the police in a very short time if his arrest is desired. It is not thought, however, that he will be arrested.

Another case in which justice seems to have been evaded was that of a Jew named Levi, who was sent to jail by Magistrate Daly on a charge of using a bath house on King street for immoral purposes. He appealed against the magistrate's decision, and the appeal was dismissed by the judge. Through some blunder of the officers of the crown Levi walked out of court and left the same night for Chicago. He is said to be still there, but that he is not very anxious to return to Winnipeg.

A number of other cases can also be cited, where the defendants seem to have been able to get clear away.

It is said by those in a position to know, that the police are willing to do everything possible to arrest the fugitives if proper facilities are granted them to do so.

FIRED FLOUR MILL.

Trial of Alleged Incendiary in Wapella, Saskatchewan.

Wapella, Sask., Dec. 28.—The preliminary trial of R. J. Lund was held here to-day. Lund is accused of setting fire to the flour mill of this town, which was burned down on August 25.

The chief witnesses were George Ameer and J. T. Knowles. The former swore he saw Lund through an opening in the basement light bags which were supposed to be saturated with coal oil. J. T. Knowles swore that Lund promised to discharge a considerable amount of indebtedness if he would set fire to the mill, as the defendant told him he was in financial difficulties. Lund was committed for trial.

Levi Thompson, of Wolsey, crown prosecutor, prosecuted, and J. T. Brown, of Moosomin, appeared for the defendant.

MELEE IN SECTION HOUSE.

One Bandit Killed and Another Badly Injured by Inhabitants.

Snohomish, Wash., Dec. 28.—Two men named Miller and Carroll entered a section house last night which was occupied by seven people and ordered them to hold up their hands. The hold-ups then began shooting the occupants.

The occupants of the house attacked the outlaws with tools and killed Miller with a crowbar. Carroll was struck on his body several times and his eyes were dug out. Officers from the city arrived and all were taken to prison.

LADY DIAMOND THIEF.

Vancouver Bride Sentenced for Stealing $100 Ring From Mrs. J. Sheasgreen.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Dalzen Rowles, a bride of six weeks, whose husband is an officer on the Empress of India, was sentenced to-day in the police court to six months for the theft of a hundred dollar diamond from Mrs. J. Sheasgreen, a well known society woman, formerly of Victoria.

Mrs. Rowles received a Christmas gift of the ring which she did not like as well as the one Mrs. Sheasgreen showed her and a substitution was effected surreptitiously.

GREAT AERO CONTEST.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Aeronautique Club of Chicago announced to-day that it will hold an international balloon contest here on July 4th. Two valuable cups will be given for the longest distance and for the greatest time in the air. The race will be open to the world.

SLUMP IN DEMAND FOR BULLION

Active Securities Have Depreciated Nearly Two Billion During Past Year.

London, Dec. 28.—There is considerable comment in the London bullion market over the apparent cessation of the demand from the United States and Germany for gold and speculation as to whether this implies an improvement in the recent state of affairs, though there will be $6,000,000 of gold available in the bullion market on Monday which the Bank of England is expected to secure and a generally favorable interpretation is placed on the slackened demand for the metal.

The Statist expresses the opinion that the probabilities favor a very large addition to the reserves of the New York associated banks and a return of a portion of the gold recently sent from London. The Statist also thinks that the depression in the United States will be neither as serious nor prolonged as the pessimists anticipate.

According to the Bankers Magazine there has not been for twenty years such a depression of stocks as during the year 1907. It gives a list of 387 stocks, representative of active securities dealt in on the London stock exchange, having a nominal capital value of $17,155,000,000 on which during the year there has been a net depreciation of $1,710,000,000 or an average fall of nine per cent. The decline of seventeen American securities alone, the Bankers Magazine says, amounted to $775,000,000 or 3 per cent.

GRIM CONDITIONS IN ARMENIA

Kurdish Bandits Terrorize Inhabitants--Entire Town Isolated--Wholesale Robberies.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Urumiah, in Persian Armenia, which was brought out by a detachment of Russian troops, states that for the last eight days that town has been entirely surrounded and isolated by bands of Kurdish raiders, who have attacked caravans and driven hundreds of loaded camels to the mountains.

A caravan escorted by the guards of the Russian consulate at Urumiah, which was the first to get through, was attacked by 50 bandits. The robbers were repulsed, many of them being killed or wounded.

Complete anarchy prevails at Urumiah. Russia is planning to strengthen the consulate guard there, but it is declared at St. Petersburg that the time for actual intervention has not yet come.

RAID ON ITALIAN CABIN.

Hold-up Robbers Repulsed—One Killed and Others Wounded.

Everett, Dec. 28.—As the result of an attempted robbery last night about 7.30 at Snohomish, one hold-up man is dead, his partner seriously injured and three Italian railroad laborers of a company of seven are in the hospital, victims of the bullets of the highwaymen's guns.

The dead man was killed by a blow from an axe, wielded by one of the Italians, and a spade used effectively left the other hold-up man torn and bleeding and minus an ear. The wounded hold-up man recovered sufficiently to give his name as William Carroll and says his dead partner's name is George Miller.

Shortly after supper time at the Italians' cabin a knock was heard on their door and two masked men stepped into the room. An order was given the Italians to throw up their hands and turn their faces to the wall. The Italians showed fight and a volley was opened from the highwaymen's guns. Three men fell, and in the mixup, a spade and an axe were secured and for several minutes a battle raged in the little room of the cabin. Finally the elder of the two hold-up men was laid low by a blow from the axe cleaving his skull and spattering his brains over the floor. In the unequal contest, the other highwayman was felled by a blow from a spade.

Sheriff Beard was notified of the tragedy and placed the Italians under arrest pending an examination by the coroner which will take place to-morrow.

BODE'S GUM.

GUM-CHEWING IS HEALTHY.

FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Million Fund Donated by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy is Sufficient.

Boston, Dec. 28. — The following statement regarding the charitable purposes of the fund of $1,000,000 recently given by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science church, was issued to-day by Alfred Farlow, of the publication committee:

"There seems to be an impression that contributions to the fund are desired. This is a mistake. Since the announcement of Mrs. Eddy's enterprise, she has been in receipt of many letters of approval from all parts of the world, commending her efforts. Many of these letters have been accompanied by cheques sent as contributions to aid the fund.

"It should be well understood that Mrs. Eddy has set aside the entire amount necessary for this fund, namely $1,000,000, and donations from others have not been asked for nor accepted."

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Everything Ready-to-Wear

MAMMOTH SALE

OUR GREATEST SALE will commence on Thursday, January 2nd, when the most magnificent and extensive assortment of Ladies' and Children's "Ready-to-wear" Garments will be placed before the purchasing public at TREMENDOUS REDUCTIONS.

The immense cash value in money SAVED, between our extremely low sale prices and the superlative value of the stock, makes this, most truly, the mammoth sale of Victoria.

Between NOW and THEN see our windows for the greatest Umbrella and Cloth Skirt Bargains ever offered. It will amply repay you.

Angus Campbell & Co.

Fowne's Ladies' Gloves

THE LADIES' STORE

Promis Block, Government St., Victoria

Mail Orders a Specialty.

UNRAVELLING A MURDER MYSTERY

Indentification of Body Found in New Jersey Pond--Tracking Suspected Criminal.

New York, Dec. 28.—The veil of mystery enveloping the tragic death of the young woman whose nude body was found half submerged in the water and mud of a lonely pond near Harrison, N. J., on Thursday, is being rapidly lifted, and detectives working on the case believe that the slayer of the woman, who was identified to-day as "Annie O'Keefe," or Nevins, will soon be run down and taken into custody.

The identification of the woman was first made to-day by Mrs. Margaret Wright, who conducts an employment bureau in Montclair, N. J. She said that the woman had called on her earlier in the month and asked for employment. She gave the name of Annie Nevins, but did not state where she lived. Late this afternoon her identity was partly corroborated by Sergt. Draybell, of Orange, N. J., who said the woman was Annie O'Keefe, and that he knew her well two years ago, when she was employed in the home of Thomas Nevins, a contractor in Orange. Since that time Sergt. Draybell states that the woman was employed in the capacity of a maid in several places in and about Orange. Recently, he said, he had lost trace of her.

Draybell informed the police that the closest friend that Miss O'Keefe had with Miss Nevins, a niece of Thos. Nevins, and that undoubtedly she took the name of Nevins at the time of seeking employment.

Mrs. Wright's description of the clothing worn by Miss O'Keefe when she applied to her for work, corresponds in every detail with the clothing found near the dead woman's body. While Mrs. Wright could give little further information concerning the woman, she recalled that Miss O'Keefe had told her that she had been acting as a housekeeper for two young men in Brooklyn.

The Harrison police have learned much of Miss O'Keefe's movements just before the murder from Thomas Flanagan, an elevator man in a New York department store, who, after a visit to the morgue to-day, declared with positiveness that Miss O'Keefe had been in the store on Christmas eve, and had asked him if a man had inquired for a woman in a red dress. He said that Miss O'Keefe appeared very nervous, nad after stating that she had an appointment with the man, remained about an hour. Afterwards, Flanagan says, he saw and spoke to her in a Chinese restaurant, and that she told him that she had been unable to find the man. He stated that the woman left the restaurant shortly before midnight.

The police say there is no doubt that she finally met this man, and, after spending the Xmas day with him, was lured into the meadows and murdered. Detectives are trying to locate the two young men who employed Miss O'Keefe in Brooklyn.

ENTOMBED MINERS.

Ely, Nevada, Dec. 28.—Fifteen feet advance was made yesterday in the rescue work at the Alps shaft, where the three miners are entombed. The rescuers have not yet reached solid ground. The imprisoned men are cheerful and in good health.

For New Year Guests.

Doubtless you are anxious to acquit yourself with credit in the matter of good Fruits, Biscuits, Wine, etc.

A most acceptable selection here at lowest possible prices. We itemize three out of the many:

NEW MIXED NUTS, PER LB. ..... 25c.
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS, per lb. ..... 15c.
NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE, THE FAMOUS CHATEAU PYRON BRAND, per bottle ..... 75c.

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DISEASE-SMITTEN PITTSBURG.

Thousands of People Prostrated by Typhoid Fever and Pneumonia.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28. — What is said to be the worst epidemic of sickness since 1889 is being experienced in Pittsburg, and physicians estimate that thousands of persons are prostrated by pneumonia and typhoid fever, and especially by the grippe throughout the city.

Probably every home in affected in some manner, and a scarcity of employees in the large office buildings is seriously felt. The Pittsburg Railroad Company is having difficulty in manning its cars, conductors and motormen being laid up with the grippe.

City Physician B. A. Booth says the present epidemic of gripe exceeds in scope and severity all but that of 1889, the worst in the history of the city, and yet may break the record. He considers it contagious, and believes the germs of the disease may have originated from here. In 1889, the malady's start was traced back through Europe to Asia, and finally located in Hongkong, China.

Miss Elsie Collis, who has been teaching school at Grantham, in the Comox district, is home for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. Percy Collis, Head street.

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WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT.

Engineer Adams's latest report has done a great deal to clear the way for action in respect to Victoria's water supply. The public is now in a position to comprehend at least approximately the capacity of the four sources from which it is possible to draw an adequate supply of water and the cost of any scheme which may be selected as affording the most satisfactory service. But Mr. Adams has merely submitted estimates of cost and capacity. He has not recommended any particular scheme, and in that respect his report will be of no great assistance to the council or the public. It is for the public, after some one gifted with the faculty of analysis has pointed out the merits or the defects of the various schemes, to make a selection. When that has been done, surely then it will be time enough to ask for the endorsement of the ratepayers qualified to vote on money by-laws. We are all of one mind in regard to the necessity of losing as little time as possible in effecting the necessary improvements to the water system; but we ought also to be agreed in another particular—the necessity of making a complete and lasting improvement—of erecting works which will give us an abundance of water for the least possible cost.

There is little doubt that as a result of Mr. Adams's report, Elk Lake has been all but, if not completely, restored to public favor. He says the water is about as wholesome as any supply of water can be and that sufficient can be stored for a population, under severe restrictions, of between fifty and sixty thousand. The cost of putting the lake in first-class condition for the duty required of it and of installing a system of distribution in keeping with its capacity will be considerably more than six hundred thousand dollars. And when these works are completed the system will not be a gravity one. Pumping will still be necessary, entailing a cost of a considerable amount annually. This is a feature which does not apply to any of the other sources of supply. It entails an expenditure at the present time of about ten thousand dollars a year, a sum sufficient to pay interest on a very considerable sum of money. When to this is added the cost of installing a meter upon every household supply pipe, which Mr. Adams says will be necessary and of maintaining and reading the same, it is apparent that in point of cost of operation the Elk Lake scheme is the least desirable of all the propositions. Sooke Lake or the Highland District or the Goldstream schemes, while the initial cost of any of them would be greater, would not entail such a heavy cost in operation, while the latter has in its favor the fact that it would settle for all time the question of the water supply of Victoria West, a matter that will become more pressing and probably more troublesome as time passes.

We admit the necessity of having the water problem solved with all the speed possible. It is a realization of this fact which prompts us to suggest to the Mayor and council to proceed with discretion in laying a by-law before the people for endorsement. It is apparent that there is a good deal of distrust of the present civic administration fermenting in the minds of the people of Victoria. While this feeling exists there is a danger that the by-law proposed to be submitted may be defeated and any actual progress arrested for an indefinite period. A very large number of ratepayers are prepared to justify their opposition to the by-law upon the ground that they ought to know something about the personnel of the council which will have the expenditure of the six hundred and eighteen thousand dollars. They believe they are entitled to the fullest information upon this point as well as complete details of the scheme of water works improvement before being asked to sanction any scheme. We think the doubters are justified in their position and that the old council ought to defer to their wishes.

TAXATION IN CANADA.

The Toronto Globe of a recent date printed a very interesting digest of the federal estimates for the financial year 1907-08, showing the uses to which the money was to be put and comparing taxation in Canada with the burdens laid upon the people of less favored countries. The amount called for, $119,237,000, is almost $20 per head of the population of the country, and if this were to be raised by taxation, as many people imagine, or spent merely in operating the machinery of government, it would be a very serious burden.

As a matter of fact, Canadians are taxed at a remarkably low rate, when the totals are compared with those in the budgets of European peoples. In Great Britain, for example, the army and navy cost $313,000,000 last year, or $7.40 per head of the population. The same service in Canada costs about 90 cents per head. The British debt interest and sinking fund charge last year was $135,000,000, or about $3.14 per head of an estimated population of 43,000,000. The debt charges in Canada this year total $2.06 per head of an estimated population of 6,000,000.

Great Britain does not own a mile of the railway lines of the United Kingdom. Canada operated 1,483 miles of railway, with a revenue of $7,950,000 in 1906. This has been materially increased during 1907. The railway revenue passes through the Dominion government's books, but it is not taxation, nor is it spent on government's machinery. The amount to operate the road comes in from the sale of tickets and the carriage of freight, just as the C. P. R. revenue comes in, and is paid out to the employees and for supplies. The eight millions of revenue, therefore, is no more taxation than is the revenue of any other railway company, yet many people compare the per capita expenditures of the government of Canada with those of states that operate no public services, and shake their heads gravely over Canada's high cost of government.

The national Government in Canada does a very uncommon thing in gathering from the people by customs taxes much of the money used to maintain the Provincial Governments. This year the various Provinces will get a little over $9,000,000 from the Dominion Treasury toward the cost of Provincial services. There is, of course, nothing of the sort south of the line, and yet comparisons are frequently made between the cost of the national Governments at Ottawa and at Washington. Many other departments of the public service bulk largely in the estimates, yet do not involve any taxation. Of this nature is the Postoffice, which accounts for over $8,000,000 of the total.

The estimates this year include $30,000,000 for the National Transcontinental Railway, and the people will, of course, own the road when it is built. After it is put into running order the G. T. P., the operating company, will pay a rental for its use.

Much of the big sum called for, it will be noticed, is being spent in laying up assets in the form of railways, canals, docks, grain elevators and public buildings, all of value in facilitating the country's business.

Our American friends, having started their great Armada on its trip to the Pacific Coast, are now speculating about getting it back again. It appears that after all the world subject to impressions has been duly impressed with the prowess of the greatest fleet of fighting ships that ever has been, Admiral Bob Evans will have to keep up his impressionist work until Congress votes him money to pay the expenses of the return journey—that is, supposing fighting be not added to the frolic which has commenced so auspiciously and with such expressions of unbounded admiration. It is evident that the cruise will culminate in something more serious than a frolic also, if the admiring jingoes in the midst of our enthusiastic neighbors can do anything to precipitate war. They are now sending out reports that immense quantities of ammunition are being shipped to the Philippines, reports which are certainly not calculated to please the people who are most likely to entertain thoughts of taking possession of these isles of the Pacific. However, as this is the only fleet of real fighting ships the Americans have had since "befoh de wah," we suppose they are entitled to a few expressions of extravagant admiration. But if the criticisms of the New York Post are justified, they should pray that the cruise of the fleet may be confined strictly to fun and frolic, because if there are as many vulnerable points in the ships as the Post says there are we are sure the Japs would find them out, and the history of the second Armada, like the history of the first, might be written in tears.

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The winter, we are told, has been an exceptionally mild one in the East. The weather has been about as usual out here in British Columbia. The heavens have been storing the fields with moisture and Elk Lake and the Goldstream dams with a more or less abundant supply of water in anticipation of a possible dry summer. Still the sun is rising to an increasing height every day in the horizon. We are permitted to see his genial face occasionally just as a reminder that whatever else may change, the seasons come and go with unfailing regularity.

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The Druce mystery appears to have been solved. Apparently it was no mystery at all, merely the airy fantasy of a morbid or speculative brain. A body has been found in the coffin which was said to contain nothing but a quantity of pig lead. The claimants to the Portland estate will now drop their suit, we suppose, although that is by no means certain. The passion for litigation is oftimes very wayward.

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Where did the analysts at Ottawa obtain the supply of milk which has brought discredit upon British Columbia? Certainly not from the neighborhood of Victoria. To the credit of our dairymen, it must be conceded that the milk supply here is of the highest class. We have heard an entirely different story about Vancouver.

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It may interest many to know the opinion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to whom the credit of confederation belongs. He said: "George Brown has the credit of having, by his powerful agitation, forced the issue of confederation; Sir John Macdonald has the merit of having brought confederation into active operation; to Sir Oliver Mowat belongs the credit of having given it its ultimate character as a federal compact." This with proper deference to the opinion of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart.

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It is a matter of common remark that no money by-laws can be carried under the present civic regime. There may be differences of opinion as to whether this state of affairs calls for a change in the system of passing upon by-laws or for a change in the civic administration. But there is no question that it calls for the exercise of prudence in submitting a loan by-law in the immediate future if the council hopes to expedite waterworks improvement.

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With each succeeding lemon which a discriminating public donates to the Conservative party there is always a fine show of cheerfulness on the part of the organs. It is a good thing to be able to be merry over disasters. In the case of the Conservatives we are reminded of the man who bewailed the loss of a friend but formed much comfort in the fact that the friend had not been run over by a train; he had merely been drowned.

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The Thompson Stationery Co., Limited, of Vancouver, ought to be prosecuted for desecration of the Canadian flag. We suggest that Attorney-General Bowser, if his private practice will permit, ought to take action. Post cards bearing an impression of Premier McBride's striking features, with the hair cut short, the "tout ensemble" being draped with the old flag, are in circulation.

What Other People Think

THE WATER SUPPLY.

To the Editor:—I do not think that an article on the water supply question which appeared in the Sunday morning Colonist should be allowed to pass without notice, the views in that article being so diametrically opposed to the course which I am sure that I have many times seen deprecated in leading articles in the same paper. What I mean is the employment at a very considerable cost of the services of an expert and then, after having received his report, throw it aside as of little or no value and asking the ratepayers who as a body are totally unfitted to give judgment on the question, to decide what is best to be done.

The case is that the city has employed Mr. Adams and has furnished him with a mass of figures and data bearing upon the water question in all its phases. Mr. Adams has personally inspected the various sources of supply, has carefully considered the present and probable needs of the city, has inspected the existing pumping plant, distribution system, etc., and after due consideration has given a very clear expression of his opinion as to what is best to be done, an opinion, mind you, which is not to be set aside lightly, as that of a casual visitor to the city, or of one who is perhaps not well qualified to give advice on such a subject, but the deliberate expression of an acknowledged expert; of one who has made a life-long study of civic water problems, and has over and over again given proof of his competency to deal with such questions.

Now, after having Mr. Adams's advice plainly and clearly put before us, advice which I cannot see why we should hesitate for a moment to follow, the Colonist would have the whole of the information which was gathered for Mr. Adams and by the help of which, added to personal investigation, he arrived at his conclusions, handed to the public, and then ask Brown, Smith, Jones, Mrs. This and Mrs. That, who know so much about hydraulics as the average school boy knows about the great wall of China, to decide from where and how the city of Victoria should obtain its water supply—a question which has puzzled those who have carefully studied it for years.

If the ratepayers are competent to pass upon the question, why, may I ask, was Mr. Adams employed? Why not have eliminated him altogether and decided the question without him, thus saving the amount which has been paid for his services?

To me the present standing of the case is: We have Mr. Adams's advice as to what should be done; which advice ought to be accepted without question on the same principle that you accept the advice of your doctor, in whom you have confidence, he being a specialist on a subject of which you are comparatively ignorant, and what the ratepayers have to decide now is: Will they furnish the money with which to carry out his scheme, or will they be content to muddle along in the same old way with the present insufficient water supply, which is a huge expense to the community in the way of excessive insurance premiums, and which has become a reproach and a by-word to the city?

MERCHANT.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30th, 1907.

WAS MISTAKE MADE?

Question of Identity Comes Up in the City Police Court.

Did the Chinamen mistake their man? Two of them this morning swore that a young lad, Willie Macklinson, assaulted one of them, hitting him on the nose and making it bleed. The defendant claimed that he was not the man at all, that he simply crossed the road to see what the row was about and accidentally knocking up against a Chinaman, was seized and arrested.

Wong Ki Ho, a Chinese restaurant keeper, told of six men coming to his place and ordering a meal about a quarter to eleven Saturday night. Three of them paid, but the other three would not do so, and the defendant was one of these. Witness, in company with his cook, followed them to the street, still asking for their pay. The accused then struck him on the nose, making it bleed. He seized Macklinson and was again struck by him.

Ah Hong, the cook, told the same tale, but Macklinson said he was never in the restaurant, that he had his dinner at his father's house, and that if he had bought chop suey or anything else he would have paid for it because he had money in his pocket with which to do so.

It also came out that Detective Palmer heard someone remark that they had got the wrong man. The case was therefore adjourned until January 3rd, in order to allow the accused an opportunity to prove his story by credible witnesses.

Two locomotives could pass each other in any of the four funnels of the Mauretania.

HIGHER PRICES RULE IN MARKET

Dealings on New York Stock Exchange Light, But Tone is Firmer.

New York, Dec. 30.—The stock market opened firm with the following prices: Amalgamated Copper, 47¼; Smelting, 71¼; Atchison, 70¾; Brooklyn Transit, 39½; Erie, 16½; Great Northern pfd., 116¾; Missouri Pac., 47; M. K. and T., 25⅝; N. Y. C., 90⅝; Nor. Pac., 118⅝; Penna., 110⅛; Reading, 94¼; St. Paul, 104½; Sugar, 100; Southern Pac., 74; U. Pac., 118½; U. S. Steel, 26⅝; U. S. Steel pfd., 88¼.

Opening dealings in stocks were light, but prices were higher than on Saturday throughout. Union Pacific and Brooklyn Transit rose 1¼. Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific and American Smelting, 1; and Great Northern pfd., Missouri Pac., Penna. and Amn Sugar, large fractions.

OPERATOR GUILTY OF WRECK.

Brocket Collision on C. P. R. Due to Negligence of Keyman.

Macleod, Alta., Dec. 28.—An inquest was held here yesterday to ascertain the cause of the death of F. Ormsbee, the brakeman who was killed in a head-on collision on the C. P. R. near Brocket, Alta., on the morning of December 22nd. The jury brought in a verdict: "That F. Ormsbee came to his death in a head-on collision between freights extras No. 14,433 and 1,430, caused by the negligence of the operator at Pincher station." Train dispatcher A. G. Workman, from Cranbrook, B. C., who was on duty at the time of the wreck and who sent out the orders for the two trains, gave testimony at the inquest. It is now thought that both firemen who were injured in this collision will live.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Above Verdict Was Returned by Coroner's Jury on David Don.

"Accidental death" was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury at the inquest which was held on Saturday in the city hall, touching the death of David Don.

The evidence showed that the deceased met his death by a fall at the B. C. Marine Railway Company's yard, Esquimalt, while leaving the steamship Charmer. The jury added a rider to the verdict, recommending that a guard-rail be put up to prevent further accidents.

Don was a man about forty years of age, and had been on this coast for about twenty years. He had a brother living at Abbotsford, B. C., and relatives at Kinklassie, Fifeshire, where he was born. The funeral took place from Hanna's undertaking establishment to-day.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Two More Candidates in the Field in Wards One and Two.

Two more candidates have appeared for the position of aldermen of the city of Victoria. The latest announcements are those of Harry Maynard, who will run for Ward Two, and Alex. Watson, who for a second time will contest Ward One.

Mr. Watson announces that he expects to receive a good deal of support that he did not receive last year. Mr. Maynard is an old resident of Ward Two.

This makes six probable candidates for Ward One; five for Ward Two, while there are no new men in the other wards except A. Peden and Andrew Blygh in Ward Five.

Saturday is the busy day of the London firemen. In 10 years London had 2,293 Saturday fires, against 3,002 on Monday, the day they were least frequent.

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DEAN OF LITHOGRAPH ARTISTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The death occurred yesterday of R. A. Mathias from the effects of a paralytic stroke which he suffered on December 12th, as he was about to start to work in the morning. The deceased was known throughout the west as the Dean of the Lithograph Artists. He came to this city from Hamilton about fifteen years ago, was the first lithographer to come through this western country, and was associated with the beginning of the business in Winnipeg.

LOVERS DIED TOGETHER.

Marchioness and Rising Tenor Committed Suicide in Rome Conservatory.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Deep mystery surrounds the death of the beautiful Marchioness Guglielmetti, daughter of one of the wealthiest aristocrats of Rome, and her wooer, Signor Spaletti, a rising young tenor, engaged by Conreid to appear in New York next season. They were found dead in the conservatory adjoining the villa of the young woman's father.

Parental objection to marriage undoubtedly was the cause of the tragedy, but the police are not certain and are investigating. The Marquis Guglielmetti's wife has been placed under arrest. She was formerly the prima donna, De Farro. The daughter of the marquis protested against his marriage to Mme. De Farro, since which time there has been enmity between the young woman and her stepmother.

Two theories are advanced as to the manner of death, it being held by some that the young people, finding themselves discovered at a clandestine meeting, locked the door to the conservatory, and rather than face the shame, took poison.

The police believe that they were suffocated by the intense fragrance of magnolias and tuberoses in the conservatory and suspect that some one locked the door upon them.

This theory led to the arrest of the marquis' wife.

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OAK BAY BOATING CLUB.

Committee of Municipal Council Want Time to Consider Application for Foreshore Rights.

The committee from the Oak Bay municipal council on Saturday considered the application for waterfront rights on the new municipal property at Oak Bay, and decided to refer certain phases of the question to the municipal barrister for an opinion. It seems that the property was purchased according to the by-law for municipal purposes only, and it is doubtful if concessions can be granted to a private company.

Another reason for delay is the fact that no regulations have as yet been drawn up regarding the use of the new municipal property, and the committee was of the opinion that these should be considered prior to any particular concession. Other concessions have also been asked for, and the committee seem to be of the opinion that if anything is done in this way it should be so hedged around by conditions that the general public for whose use the property was purchased should be fully protected.

While the committee realize that a boating club would be a great advantage to the community, they also feel that they, as trustees of the public property, must move very carefully in the matter.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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—V. C. Maddock and company report several large sales of city property in James Bay district. The negotiations were completed this morning, the property being purchased by local investors.

—A Canadian patent was received during the past week through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney of Vancouver, granted to R. M. Kemp, of Durham, Australia, on a subsoil cultivator for attachment to ploughs.

—With the idea of providing more room at their sanitarium at Tranquille, the executive of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society are considering the plan of erecting two more cottages. They will each accommodate from three to four people. At present the sanitorium is full. Many people are unable to gain admission.

—Fancy Linens—Irish linen embroidered cushion covers, afternoon tea cloths, bureau covers and table centre pieces also in Battenberg, renaissance and Teneriffe lace work. Large range of patterns to select from. Call and see them at Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street. •

—Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia, No. 834, at the regular meeting, elected the following officers: T. J. Evans, Past Chief Ranger; F. G. Wyatt, Chief Ranger; J. Le Seuer, Vice-Chief Ranger; A. E. Haynes, Financial Secretary; R. W. O. Savage, Recording Secretary; Geo. McCandless, Treasurer; F. L. Mimmack, chaplain; J. Bromley, Sen. Woodward; H. Woodby, Jun. Woodward; A. Peden, Sen. Beadle; H. Trickett, Jun. Beadle; Dr. E. C. Hart, physician.

—The regular Sunday meeting among the Hindus was held yesterday at 2833 Douglas street. G. D. Kumar impressed upon the minds of his audience the evil consequences of drinking, living in filth and being illiterate. Nine pledges were taken against drinking, and all were told to keep neat and clean, and keep their clothes and other articles in good order. Some of the Hindus showed a tendency to wish to learn English. One of the audience was greatly moved, told his story of a sinful life and repented of his past.

—A good strong bill is booked for this week at Pantages theatre, the headliners being the "Georgis," presenting their wonderful French ecentric singing and acrobatic act, which has made a decided hit everywhere. The Vaughners, the clever singers and dancers; Toletito & Co. in their gerat ladder balancing act; Johnston & Cook, comedy sketch artists; Miss Crawford, singing, "Don't forget Your Old Home," with pretty illustrations, and the pantagescope, introducing the latest reproductions, complete a programme that is up to date in every particular.

—Season tickets for the Kubelik-Paderewski-Homer Witherspoon series of concerts are being held by the honorary secretary of the Victoria Musical Society, Stewart Williams, for those who have subscribed for them, and they will only be issued on receipt of cheque. The box office for Kubelik will be opened at 10 a.m. next Saturday at the Victoria theatre. No season tickets for the course will be issued after 5 p.m. on Friday evening, January 3rd. Members of the society and others can obtain Kubelik picture postal card for mailing to friends at any of the music stores. Members requiring additional seats for Kubelik are advised to make known their wishes to the honorary secretary without delay. The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company are advertising the Kubelik concert all along the line, and a large influx of music-lovers from Duncans, Ladysmith and Nanaimo is expected.

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—A five hundred military tournament will be held at the K. of P. hall after the regular meeting of the Native Sons, Post No. 1, to-night.

—B. Knights, secretary of the Oriental Exclusion League, is to-day forwarding a petition containing 1,260 names to Hon. William Templeman, asking that the Dominion government take steps to exclude all Orientals from Canada.

—Carrying out the ancient custom the Y. M. C. A. members will be at home to their friends on New Year's day. A very interesting programme has been arranged, including a physical culture demonstration and a literary entertainment in the evening.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will be at home at Government House on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1908, from 3 to 6 p. m.

Mrs. Dunsmuir will be at home at Government House on Thursday, the 9th January, instead of Thursday, the 2nd January, 1908.

By Command,
Herbert A. Bromley,
Assistant Private Secretary.
Government House, 28 Dec. 1907.

—The secretary of the Oriental Exclusion League has had a communication from Joseph Martin saying that he expects to be in Victoria on business in connection with the courts early in the year, and he will then be at liberty to address a public meeting as promised. Arrangements are being made with that end in view.

—The annual convention of the Christians will open in Gospel hall, Pandora street, on New Year's day, continuing for two days. A large number of delegates from outside points will be present, and many well known speakers will be present. Among these are Rev. M. Miller, of Everett, and Rev. Mr. Ray, of Calgary.

—Adjt. W. J. Wakefield, who has charge of the Salvation Army immigration service for British Columbia, will address a meeting on the emigration policy of the army at the barracks on Broad street this evening at 8 o'clock. Anybody interested in the servant girl question is invited to hear Adjt. Wakefield's exposition of this subject. He will also explain the general policy of the army's scheme.

PERSONAL.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, who is sojourning in Southern California for the benefit of his health, is expected home early in January.

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Mr. and Mrs. James B. Daley, of Burnside road, are spending the holidays in Vancouver with their daughter, Mrs R. C. Douglas.

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Herbert Cuthbert left last night for Vancouver on a business trip. He will return to the city to-morrow night.

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Funeral of Late A. W. Smith Took Place Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Alfred W. Smith, ex-M. P. P. for Lillooet, took place to Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2.30. The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Gladstone. The floral tributes were numerous, and many friends of deceased attended. The pallbearers were: Hon. D. M. Eberts, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., Lindley Crease, O. C. Hastings, James Moore and A. Holmes.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Employees of Street Railway Hold Half-Yearly Meeting.

The half-yearly meeting of Capital Division, No. 109 of the Amalgamated Society of Street Railway Employees took place at midnight Saturday, when business for the year was concluded. The secretary's report shows that the past year was a very prosperous one and that the financial condition of the division is all that can be desired. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, W. H. Gibson; vice-president, R. Ward; secretary, George Gardiner; treasurer, L. Cates; con., W. Nunn; warden, R. Barr; sentry, W. Duncalf; correspondent to the Motorman and Conductor, F. Pollery; executive board members, W. H. Gibson, (chairman), D. Dexar, V. Dempsey, J. Kenny, H. Walker; advisory board delegates, W. H. Gibson (chairman), V. Dempsey, R. A. Ritchie.

THE LAND OF THE SPHINX.

Interesting Lecture Given by Prof. Burwash on Saturday Evening.

"Egypt, the Land of the Sphinx," was the subject of a very interesting lecture by Professor Burwash, of Columbian university, in the Y. M. C. A., on Friday evening last.

The lecturer first set out to show the relation of civilization to prehistoric times, tracing the evolution of knowledge through its varying stages to prove how much was owed to the ancients. He exhibited a number of lantern slides of manuscripts and papyrus of unusual interest, forming as they did the very latest developments of archaeological discovery in the land of deserts.

This valuable data was secured through the courtesy of Professors Petrie and Corally, two eminent historians and archealogists at work along the Nile.

Prof. Burwash pointed out how materially the Greek civilization, which more immediately followed it, had merely improved upon earlier conceptions of the Egyptians in almost every branch of human knowledge.

The earliest Hebrew records, which are but fragmentary, go back but 2,000 years before Christ. The Egyptian records available give a fairly complete history of Egyptian civilization from a date going back as far as 5,000 years before Christ. This has been gradually compiled since the days of the French occupation of Egypt under Napoleon when the discovery of the "Rosetta Stone," with an inscription in Greek, another in hieroglyphics and a third in the ordinary running hand of the Egyptian scribe gave a clue to the alphabets of the latter two.

A brief account of Egyptian religion brought the lecture to a close. How from a system of totem worship a pantheistic creed of a high order was evolved, and how this degenerated into a mere form of animal worship. Among the most curious of the ancient beliefs was that man was composed of six parts. Embalming was the outcome of their supposition that these were reunited after death.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30th—5 a. m.—The pressure is giving way on the coast and a strong easterly gale prevails on the outside waters, where an hourly wind velocity of 60 miles has occurred at the entrance to the straits of Fuca; the movement of this storm will probably be southward on the Oregon coast, but fresh to strong winds may be expected on the straits and sound. Snow is falling at Portland and Walla Walla, and the weather is cold in all districts, reaching 6 below zero at Barkerville. East of the Rockies the cold weather continues, snowfall has occurred at Battleford and Prince Albert and a storm area of considerable energy is central over the Great Lakes.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 36, minimum, 35; wind, E., velocity, 8 miles; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 28, minimum, 26; wind, E., velocity, 4 miles; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 24, minimum, 20; calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 6 below, minimum, 8 below; calm; weather, clear.

Neah, Wash.—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 42, minimum, 42; wind, E., velocity, 2; weather, fair.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 38, minimum, 38; wind, E., velocity, 16, snow, .01; weather, snow.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 40, minimum, 36; wind, E., velocity, 14; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 2, minimum, 2; wind, W., velocity, 4 miles; weather, fair.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday

Victoria and vicinity, fresh or strong easterly winds or gales, unsettled and cold with snow.

Lower Mainland, easterly winds, fresh or strong on the straits, unsettled and cold with snow.

THE CONDITION IN GOLDFIELD CAMP

Visitor Who Has Been Living There Does Not Want to Return.

G. E. Ellis, of Goldfield, Neveda, is registered at the Driard hotel.

In conversation with a reporter this morning, Mr. Ellis expressed the opinion that it would be two years before conditions were satisfactorily settled in the great mining camp. Personally he says he has had enough of the excitement to do him for awhile, although he maintains that the camp is essentially a good one, and that its progress will be assured with the restoration of confidence.

It is a difficult matter to locate the exact cause of the uneasiness in Goldfield, Mr. Ellis says, although the Western Federation of Miners is generally blamed for it. It is quite possible though, he says, that the trouble is simply due to the nature of the community, which under the propulsion of great mining excitement, attracted in large measure the lawless elements of humanity, which from one cause or another were thrown into commotion before any system of local administration had been perfected.

Mr. Ellis was a guest in the next room when Sullivan was shot in a Goldfield hotel some time ago.

SENTENCED TO-DAY.

Hainsworth Was Given One Year for Passing Bogus Cheques.

J. Edwin Hainsworth, who a few days ago was remanded on a charge of giving bogus cheques with intent to defraud, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment for each of two offences, the same to run consecutively.

The two charges were for issuing a cheque to the amount of $47 to B. Williams & Co. in payment for a suit of clothes and articles of attire, and another for $9.15 which he gave in payment for a pair of shoes and a pair of rubbers to the Baker Shoe Company. The cheques were drawn on the Bank of Commerce, where the accused had never had an account.

William Munn, of the B. Williams Company, and Joseph P. Archibald, of the Baker Shoe Company, gave evidence against Hainsworth, but he had nothing to say in his own defence. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced as above.

Since he was in the city before, Hainsworth has taken off his moustache and is now allowing his beard to grow.

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—This evening the meeting of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church will take the form of a musical and literary entertainment. A good programme has been prepared by the members. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

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SPORTING NEWS

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

ALL BLACKS BEATEN.

The New Zealanders on their English tour, suffered their sixth reverse, when Bradford beat them at Bradford by 2 goals and a try (7 points) to a goal (3 points). Rain, which had fallen in the district for several days, continued almost throughout the match.

PRACTICE SATURDAY.

Victoria Rugby men have demonstrated the fact that they are no fine weather sports. Almost all of the members of the opposing teams turned out to play in the pouring rain at Beacon Hill, the result being an excellent practice game. The Misfits, the title adopted by the old men, played much better than was to have been expected. Although the Victoria team won by a score of 6 points to 5 it was only the fast work of Meredith that gave the winners any score at all. It looks as if several of the old players might, with profit to the team, be placed in the ranks against Stanford University on the 4th. Schwengers in particular, distinguished himself both in tackling and sprinting.

The Misfits were much stronger in the scrimmages, pushing their opponents back with apparent ease. On account of the old players not being in shape for long stunts, the game was shortened to twenty-five minutes each way.

STANFORD WON.

Stanford University defeated the Vancouver team on Saturday by a score of three points to nil. The game was an exceedingly interesting one but the field was in wretched condition. So bad was it that the visitors have objected to playing there again, so the final will be played on New Year's Day at Brockton Point grounds. Vandervoort was the man who secured the try. He is a fast man and heavy and most difficult to tackle.

MEET TO-NIGHT.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the Victoria Rugby club this evening in the offices of Moresby & O'Reilly to make definite arrangements for the visit of the Stanford team on Saturday next. The team to represent this city will be picked, and a team will also be chosen to play against them on the morning of New Year's day in order to get the local fifteen into shape. The question of entertaining the visitors will also be considered. It has been suggested that the visitors should be taken to Government House to the fancy dress ball, but as they are to be playing the match the following day it is hardly likely that they would wish to dance much. On Friday night the Glee Club will give an entertainment.

BASKETBALL

VICTORIA WEST VICTORY.

There was not much of a display of basketball at the drill hall on Saturday night as the Fifth Regiment intermediates defaulted their game against the Y. M. C. A. and the Victoria West seniors had a comparatively easy victory over the Firemen, the score in this game being 25 to 11. The scorers for the winning side were: Brown 8, Corkle 7, Beaney 9 and Wilson 1. For the losers: Malcolm 9 and Oak 2. The players were as follows:

Firemen—Guards, W. Stewart and V. Stewart, centre, Heney; forwards, Malcolm and Oak.

Victoria West—Guards, Stevens and Wilson; centre, Beaney; forwards, Corkle and Brown.

Referee, R. Lorimer.

BIG GAME TUESDAY.

All is now in readiness for the big game Tuesday night, when the second game in the international league will be played at the drill hall between the Seattle Y. M. C. A. team and the local Y. M. C. A. five. Victoria beat Seattle last year and put them out of the running for first place, and the boys are confident this year of giving a good account of themselves.

Physical Instructor Findlay has just received a letter from A. G. Douthitt, physical director of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., stating that the Seattle boys leave there Tuesday morning at 8.30, arriving here at 1.30. They play here Tuesday night and then leave for Vancouver, playing there New Year's night. In all probability Mr. Booth, of Tacoma, will referee the game, and it is sure to be fast and closely contested from start to finish; the local players have been practicing hard, and intend to go in and win. The team is slightly changed from last week, and will be as follows: Whyte, centre; Peden and McKittrick, forwards; Gawley and Roscamp or Pettierew, guards.

The boys start on their tour on the night of January 6th, playing every night therafter till they reach Portland, January 4th. They are feeling fit and ready for it. Manager Findlay suggests to the sport-loving public that they come out and support the home team, bring all the tin horns they can and make all the noise possible.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

THE WEATHER WINS.

After turning out in the pouring rain the Shearwater and the Y. M. C. A. teams were disappointed in not finding an adversary on the field on Saturday to dispute their right to the second or third places in the city league. The referees, J. W. Lorimer and W. Lockley, were both there, as were also the two teams mentioned.

As a matter of fact the day was not fit for anyone to play, but it was much better that the games should not be postponed, as there was nothing particular at stake, and it would clear the way somewhat for the Island league matches. The result of the day is to drop Esquimalt back to fourth place, and leave Shearwater and Y. M. C. A. tied for second.

There are only five more games to be played in the league series, and it is not at all unlikely that one or two of those will be defaulted. They are as follows:

Dec. 31—Shearwater vs. Egeria.
Jan. 4—Egeria vs. Garrison.
Jan. 11—Egeria vs. James Bay A. A.
Postponed games—James Bay A. A. vs. Garrison; Fifth Regiment vs. Shearwatre.

GOLF.

VICTORIA BEATEN.

The Victoria golfers were defeated at Seattle on Saturday by a score of four to two. Harvey Combe and C. K. Magill were the only two to win their games, both of those men doing it quite easily. Seattle is now at the head of the series, but there are still a number of games to be played.

The individual scores were as follows:

H. Combe, Victoria, beat T. S. Lippy, Seattle, four up.

C. K. Magill, Victoria, beat E. J. Garrett, Seattle, seven up.

G. L. Munn, Seattle, beat C. A. Boyd two up.

L. Van Tuyl, Seattle, beat C. J. Prior, Victoria, eight up.

E. A. Strout, Seattle, beat J. A. Rithet, Victoria, five up.

H. W. Treat, Seattle, beat K. Scholefield, Victoria, six up.

ATHLETICS.

GOLD SEAL RACE.

The Gold Seal cup race at Vancouver, which will be run off on New Year's day, is an event in which everyone is interested who cares anything at all about athletics. The fact that Burn will not come will be a disappointment, but there will be a number of crack runners entered, among them being Chandler, Terway and Redfern, the last mentioned being from Victoria.

The official list of entries for the race is as follows:

William R. Chandler, Vancouver Athletic Club.
Arthur J. Burn, Young Men's Club, Calgary.
William Redfern, James Bay Athletic Club, Victoria.
W. E. Clarke, unattached.
James Sperring, Sixth Regiment Athletic Association.
S. W. Tannar, Sixth Regiment Athletic Association.
W. Hunt, Sixth Regiment Athletic Association.
F. Bennett, Sixth Regiment Athletic Association.
E. V. Willis, Fairview Harriers' Club
A. W. Field, Police Mutual Benefit Association.
J. W. Andersan, unattached.
S. C. Foster, unattached.
Struthers Gunn, Vancouver Athletic Club
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Henry S. Hyde, Vancouver Athletic Club
E. A. McGraw, Vanvouver Athletic Club
P. Terway, Alberta.
John Chandler, Calgary.
A. Austin, jr., Vancouver Athletic Club

GERMAN CHAMPIONS TO COMPETE

Germany will be represented by her champion athletes at the Olympic games in London in 1908. The arrangements for their participation will shortly be taken up by the permanent "Imperial committee for Olympic games," whose protector is the German crown prince. It is possible the expedition to London, which will undoubtedly be again in charge of General of Cavalry Count von Asseburg, who led the Teuton delegation at the Olympic games in Athens and St. Louis will be financed as on previous occasions with government funds. The athletes who will wear the German Imperial colors in London will probably be selected from among those who have made the best records in Germany during the year 1907.

The Fatherland's champion sprinter is V. Duncker, who holds the record for 100 metres (109 yards) in 10 4-5 sec., and who runs 110 metres (120 yards) over hurdles in 16 seconds. He ran third in the Athens hurdle race in 1906.

For middle distances the German champion is Johannes Runge, whose records are: 400 metres (437 yards), 51 1-5 seconds, and 800 metres (874 yards), 1 minute 55 2-5 seconds. He won the 800-metre handicap at St. Louis in 1904 in 1 minute 58 2-5 seconds.

For distances over 1,500 metres, (1,640 yards), G. Zimmer, of Hamburg, holds the record. In 1907 he ran 1,500 metres in the good time of 4 minutes 15 3-5 seconds.

The record-holder for long distances is H. Muller, of Berlin. Muller finished tenth in the Marathon race at Athens and second in the walk.

E. Schon, of Frankfort, will represent German fencers at the London games. He competed at Athens, and is at present the best German amateur. G. Casmir, who won for Germany at Athens, having since become a professional fencing instructor. B. Petri, a left-handed fencer, of Offenbach, will also go to London.

Weight-throwers and wrestlers will also go from Germany, including Rondi, of Cologne, and Schneidereit, of Dusseldorf, and a strong delegation of swimmers, including Schiele, Rausch, Riemann, and Gubener, some of whom won notable events in England this year.

As lawn tennis representatives Germany will send to London Oscar Froitzheim, the conqueror of Wilding and Ritchie, and Oscar Kreuzer, who played this year in London.

Other sports in which teams are necessary—such as rowing, football, and hockey—will also be represented, but which clubs will be chosen has not yet been determined.

BURN WINS AT CALGARY.

On Christmas Day at Calgary the second annual Herald road race over a course of 6 1-5 miles long, was won for the second time by Art Burn, of Calgary, in 35 minutes 2½ seconds. Thousands witnessed the race, which had sixteen starters from all over Alberta. Terway, of Claresholm, who was picked to win, was distanced in the first mile and could not make up. J. Mecklenberg, of Calgary, ran shoulder and shoulder with Burn and only lost by a couple of yards. He led at four of the six miles of the course and won the Herald trophy and the first prize medal. The medal alone is valued at $150. It was the most exciting finish Burn has had in a long time. The results: Art Burn, first; J. Mecklenberg, second; Alfred McKay, of the Western Canada college, third; Wm. Pew, fourth; G. Head, fifth; and Marron, sixth. All of the winners are Calgary men.

WRESTLING.

A GREAT TUSSLE.

The great wrestling match between Zbysco, the Galician, and Ivan Padoubny, the Russian, was decided at the London Pavilion recently, and resulted in a victory for Zbysco, his opponent Padoubny being disqualified for tripping.

Not since the two contests between Hackenschmidt and Madrali which, as all the world knows, resulted in favor of the former, has a wrestling match aroused so much excitement as that which took place in London. The meeting of the two such exponents as Ivan Padoubny, Hackenschmidt's fellow countryman, and Zbysco, the Galician, in itself would be regarded as a "battle of giants," but the fact that not only were the men contesting a match in the Graeco-Roman style for $1,000 a side and the gate receipts, but for the right to meet Georges Hackenschmidt in a bout for the championship of the world, naturally gave added interest and importance to the occasion.

Those who were of the opinion that the wrestling boom is a thing of the past would have noticed with surprise the intense excitement that prevailed in the neighborhood of the London Pavilion. The hall itself was packed some time before the men were due to take the mat, and at three o'clock a seat or even standing room could not be obtained for love or money.

There was a considerable difference in the weights of the rivals, Zbysco being nearly a stone lighter than his opponent, the actual weights being: Padoubny 18 st. 1 lb.; and Zbysco, 18 st. 2 lbs.

The preliminaries having been gone through, the excited throng settled down to witness what promised to be an historical contest. The attendance included a large number of ladies.

The first half hour of the contest certainly suggested that the bout would be a very prolonged one. Backwards and forwards swung the mighty wrestlers, but there was scarcely a suggestion as to any superiority on the part of either. Every artifice known to the wrestlers was brought into play, only, however, to be successfully met.

The exertions of the men were beginning to tell on them, and the men seemed to have some difficulty in obtaining a hold owing to the perspiration which was streaming off them. Although an appeal had been made to the spectators to refrain from criticising the wrestlers, the tactics adopted on several occasions by Padoubny did not give complete satisfaction.

At length, after wrestling for nearly forty minutes, Zbysco was thrown and the huge weight of the Russian was pressing on him to obtain a fall. But to the spectators it appeared that all was not well, and silence having been obtained, it was announced that the referee had awarded the match to Zbysco, Padoubny having been disqualified for tripping. There were some exciting scenes at the finish, a number of the spectators shouting for the match to be continued. Zybsco himself seemed quite ready to renew the struggle, but the referee's decision was final.

BILLARDS.

A GREAT BREAK.

In a billiard match played at Leicester Square Saloon, London, Dawson, whose opponent was Reece, made a noteworthy braek of 822. This break is the highest with the anchor stroke barred, beating Roberts' 821 and Stevenson's 802, which were made before the anchor stroke came into prominence.

GENERAL NOTES.

A big programme has been arranged for New Year's Day at the Y. M. C. A., starting at 2 p. m. with the six-mile race. Bayliss, Beckwith, Gowan, Kiddle and Margison have entered, and it ought to make a great race. After the race there will be exercise in the gymnasium, including basketball, drills, mat work, horse work, bar work, etc. In the evening there will be given a literary programme and exhibition of bag punching, boxing, wrestling, weight lifting, etc. The ladies will serve refreshments from 4 till 10, so that a pretty full programme for one day is planned.

Physical classes reopen in the Y. M. C. A. Friday, January 3rd. Business men, 5 to 6; working boys, 6.30 to 8 and seniors 8 to 9.30. The physical director has arranged a more extensive line of work for the gymnasium, and there will be lots doing all the while. Monthly gymnasium contests, etc. Then they are arranging for a big closing exhibition at the end of the season, about April 15th.

J. R. Pemberton, of the Stanford team, was arrested by a Vancouver Bobby, for obstructing the streets when waiting outside the Strand hotel, just previous to the banquet. He was immediately liberated on explanations being made, but the Vancouver football men were furious.

According to a dispatch to the Vancouver Province, Art Burn will not run for the Gold Seal cup at Vancouver on New Year's Day, as he is suffering from a strained stomach, the result of his fifteen mile run against Chandler, at Brockton Point.

Tobacco may be a bad thing for sportsmen but the manufacturers seem to be able to play all right. W. D. and H. O. Wills' staff team of lacrosse players last season won forty-five consecutive matches.

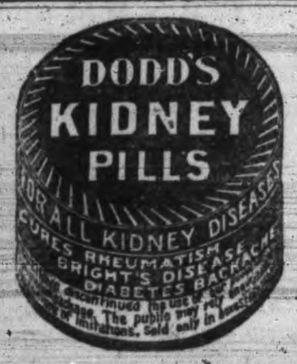
Cambridge University is objecting to the Rhodes scholars playing in the inter-college matches as they give Oxford an unfair advantage, each one being a trained athlete.

Yorkshire, Somersetshire and Glamorganshire will have county lacrosse teams in the field during the coming season.

Fuller, the jockey, is in the lock-up at Bellingham, charged with forging a cheque.

A banquet to the Stanford visitors on Saturday night would be about the right thing.

Jenkinson refereed the last Vancouver-Stanford match.



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Session of the Legislative Assembly, 1908.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm the "Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873," and the "Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act, and to consolidate the same with the following amendments:

To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1873, which enables the Corporation by a Commissioner to construct waterworks, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct and determine the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put;

In Section 6 of the Act of 1873, as amended by Section 3 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, to empower entry on and expropriation of Crown lands and expropriation of surplus waters running to waste of any waterworks company, and of land in the water shed of any waterworks company, whether portion of the waterworks or not;

To amend Section 7 of the said Act of 1873 to authorize the conducting of water over and across the lands of the Crown and of the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at Goldstream or in Esquimalt, and to construct necessary works for conducting such water across, over, or under any conduit or pipe or other work of such Company;

To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return therein directed with statement of affairs of the waterworks to be made on the 15th January of the year following, in lieu of on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date;

To amend Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, by repealing the same, and substituting therefor a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to fix the amount of waterworks tax, and so that the same may be assessed and levied on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or, in case of special benefit and advantage having regard to locality, to fix a special tax or additional tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, with power to place a special or additional tax on vacant lands fronting or abutting on the water mains, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more or all, and so that such tax shall be a charge on the land supplied, or capable of being supplied, and also the power to fix a water rental for water supplied, whether with or without water meter, or by estimation or otherwise, with power to the City to pass By-Laws levying the tax and approving and enforcing the rates, rentals and charges for the supply of water;

To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, by separating, on the passing of a By-Law to that effect by the Council, the waterworks monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate Bank account, paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may, by resolution, direct;

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1873 by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant used in the supply of water outside the City or in adjoining municipalities to the Corporations of such municipalities, with power to contract with outside municipalities, corporations or persons for the sale of any quantity of water or power produced by water within such outside municipality or outside the City, upon such terms as to supply and use and payment therefor as may be arranged, and with express power and authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy within such municipality a frontage tax or other tax, assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply or power for the benefit of the Corporation, and with power to such Corporations to levy and collect such rates, assessments or taxes with the like remedies as the Corporation have within the City limits;

To repeal Sections 28, 29 and 31 of said Act of 1873 and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and charges and the general revenue of the waterworks system, or of waters belonging to the Corporation, with or without the guarantee of the city, and that the debentures to raise monies shall be issued under the formalities required for debentures issued under the authority of the Municipal Clauses Act and following Section 81 of the Municipal Clauses Act;

To repeal Section 32 of the said Act of 1873, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in extinguishment, at a sum not exceeding the par or nominal value of same, outstanding waterworks debentures out of the sinking funds set aside for the particular issue, with a direction to Bankers and others holding the said sinking funds to give effect to this enactment;

To repeal Section 33 of said Act of 1873;

To add to Section 34 of said Act of 1873, as amended by Section 9 of said Chapter 64, by enabling the passing of a By-Law to give effect to Section 14, and by separating and paying all waterworks monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain under the control of the Council, and that such funds shall, unless otherwise at any time thereafter directed by resolution by a two-thirds vote of the Council, be expended on waterworks account alone, including sinking fund and interest on borrowed monies;

To add to Section 36 a proviso entitling the Commissioner and Corporation to one month's notice of action before any proceedings arising out of or in connection with the carrying out of the said Act;

To repeal Sections 40, 42 and 43 of said Act of 1873, and to enact that waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and assessments shall be debts due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes;

To give to the Corporation power to use or sell waters for producing any form of power, or for producing and generating and disposing of by sale or otherwise, light, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and privileges by any Act granted to the Corporation shall be applicable to the acquisition, use, disposal, supply and sale of waters for power purposes, and giving to the Corporation the following special powers:

Power to construct works;

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To convey power by wires and place poles for carrying wires on lands or highways outside the City, including Crown lands;

To construct all necessary buildings and works and maintain and operate the same, extending the powers of expropriation to waters for power purposes;

That any arbitration to ascertain compensation under Waterworks Acts may, at the election of the Council, be proceeded with under Section 251 of the Municipal Clauses Act;

And such incidental and necessary powers as are involved in the foregoing or may be conveniently used therewith.

MASON & MANN,
Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
November 30th, 1907.

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of our license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, in the City of Victoria, B. C., and known as the "Elk" Saloon, to Lorenzo McCrae and Bert Holden.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1907.
A. R. M'DONALD.
GEORGE ROBERTS.

TAKE NOTICE that the B. C. Canning Company, Limited, of London, England, and Victoria, B. C., salmon canners and sawmill owners, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described foreshore on the west line of Lots Nos. 4, 10 and 11, Coast District: Commencing at a post marked "B. C. C. Co., N. W post," planted at the western corner of the Victoria Cannery, Rivers Inlet, thence S. E. ¾ S. about 22 chains, thence west about 20 chains to a post marked "B. C. C. Co., W. post."

B. C. CANNING COMPANY, LIMITED.
G. C. JOHNSTON,
Agent, Victoria, B. C.
28th October, 1907.

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B. C. CANNING COMPANY, LIMITED.
G. C. JOHNSTON,
Agent, Victoria, B. C.
28th October, 1907.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Tugwell, Late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of Thomas Tugwell, late of Victoria, B. C., deceased, are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned before the 15th day of March, 1908. After the said date the estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims only of which the executrix had then notice.

Dated the 26th day of December, A. D. 1907.

FRANK HIGGINS,
Law Chambers, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitor for Lizzie Agnes Tugwell, Executrix.

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A GOOD PLAY TO BE SEEN TO-NIGHT

The Lion and The Mouse Will be on This Evening--Strongheart Coming

With a skill which approaches caniness, Charles Klein, in his powerful play, "The Lion and the Mouse," has depicted several types of Americans with which all are familiar. Most people know the professional politician who "plays the game for what there is in it." The author has introduced this species in his play in the person of Senator Roberts. If one may be permitted to form an opinion from past events, the dramatist has given a faithful picture of the cringing, whining, sniveling obsequious tool of "The man higher up." With his inferiors, Roberts is a canting knave, with his superiors a fawning syncopant. John Burkett Ryder, the richest man in the world has many a prototype in real life and is said to be superbly played by Paul Everton. Shirley Rossmore, as portrayed by Dorothy Donnelly, commands the admiration and sympathy of the audiences. Henry B. Harris is sending "The Lion and the Mouse" to Victoria theatre this evening.

The "Lion and The Mouse" was pronounced one of the best plays which was presented in Victoria last season.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Mr. Thomas Wilson and Miss Jackson United in Matrimony.

On Christmas day, at the residence of the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Agnes Mary Jackson, of this city, and Mr. Thomas D. Wilson, formerly of London, Ont. Miss Clarenda Steenson acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Jesse B. Evans supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. W. J. Steenson.

The bride looked charming in a brown tailor-made suit with hat to match. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold watch, and his gift to the bridesmaid was a beautiful signet ring. Only the intimate friends of the young couple were present. The bride received many beautiful presents. After a very pleasant time had been spent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left on the Sound boat for Portland, Ore., where they will reside.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Day Observed By Those Who Make Homes at Mr. Dumbleton's.

Despite the discrepancy in the matter of dates a number of Victorians celebrated Christmas last night in the form of a dinner at which a turkey bemoaned its fate, and a plumpudding went into ecstasies over the knowledge that it was not to be kept until the return of the festive season.

The function was entitled Christmas delayed, and was perpetrated at Mrs. Dumbleton's boarding house. Some time since a verbal contract was entered upon to the effect that the usual Christmas celebration should be postponed until every guest could grace the table with their presence.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bamford and Master Bamford were the guests, and the real, unadulterated Christmas cheer permeated everywhere. W. Hasty occupied the supreme position of chairman and toastmaster, and the customary speeches and toasts received due recognition.

LOW-NECKED GOWNS BANNED.

Among the things which are banned by members of the Philoclaian Club, a new club for women, which has been formed in New York, are the low-necked gown, the peek-a-boo blouse, the cocktail, the hansom, and the after theatre supper.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMING ELECTION

The South Saanich Council Has Appointed Returning Officers and Polling Places

At the Saturday evening meeting of the South Saanich municipal council arrangements were made for the coming election. James R. Carmichael, clerk of the municipality, was appointed returning officer. The nomination was set for January 13th, and in case of an election, the following places were named: Ward one, schoolhouse, Cedar Hill; Ward two, schoolhouse, Boleskin road; Ward three, Gordon Head hall; Ward four, Colquitz hall, Carey road; Ward five, Royal Oak schoolhouse; Ward six, Temperance hall, South Saanich. Deputy returning officers were appointed as follows: Ward one, Christopher J. Mcrae; Ward two, William Graham; Ward three, A. Strachan; Ward four, P. D. Goepel; Ward five, Walter F. Loveland; Ward six, Henry Tanner.

The attention of the council was drawn by J. Saul to the overflow of water, which he declared has occasioned him considerable loss, more especially to his property on the Quadra street extension. He had courted great expense when he attempted to drain the surface water off his land and he asked that the municipal council take the matter in hand. The council finally decided to appoint Councilmen Quick, Grant and Pointer a committee to visit Mr. Saul's place in company with the road superintendent; look over the land and report on the best method to drain off the water.

In regard to running a street through Appleton road, Councillor Puckle brought in the report of the committee to interview the owners. The road which it is proposed to run through this portion of the municipality will meet with the approval of the property-holders if carried along the lower grade as was first suggested.

Road Superintendent Pim reported that Tolmie avenue was in a very bad shape and almost impassable where the B. C. Electric Company laid its tracks. He asked that both the city and the railway company should try and come to some arrangement with South Saanich. His recommendation that the city undertake to improve one end, and the South Saanich council the other will be placed before the city

The committee appointed to report on the amendment to the water courses by-law through Councillor Quick announced its decision in favor of the amendment, which would allow the engineer power to do any work in connection with disputes over water courses.

The final reading was given to the proposed amendments to the highways by-law and the wards amendment by-law.

J. G. Elliott was again appointed to perform the work of auditor for the year.

E. E. Greenshaw complained that water had been flooding the south half of lot 3, section 5, Lake district. He asked that the council take steps to have the outlet to the ditch at Colquitz river cleaned out. The matter was referred to the road superintendent.

HONEYMOON TRAGEDY.

Troubled Courtship Followed by Bridegroom's Murder and Bride's Arrest.

A strange courtship has been followed by a tragic honeymoon in the case of Herr Herrmann, a young German gentleman.

He was madly in love with the daughter of a neighbour, but her parents frowned on his suit, and in desperation he announced his intention to hang himself.

Happily the girl happened to arrive on the scene before the lover had hung long enough to suffocate himself. She cut him down at once, and thereby saved his life. After that the stern parents gave way and lovers were married.

The honeymoon has ended tragically. After a sojourn of a few weeks in Berlin, the young husband was found dead; he had been killed by two shots fired from a revolver. Suspicion fell upon the bride, who declared that if she had killed her husband it was in self-defence, because he had threatened to take her life during a quarrel. However the authorities are inclined to believe that the bride acted with premeditation, and she is now awaiting trial.

ENGAGED IN 1857, MARRIED IN 1907.

A welsh romance begun half a century ago has just been brought to a happy issue by the marriage of the faithful lovers at the age of eighty-four and seventy-four respectively.

When Richard White, farmer, of Glasbury, Breconshire, plighted his troth to Miss Lucy Bull, fifty years since, there was an insurmountable obstacle to their union. This was the fact that the young lady was a Roman Catholic. The couple parted, and some time later Mr. White married a widow. After forty-six years of married life Mrs. White died.

Meanwhile Miss Bull had taken a private school at Weobley, in Herefordshire, which she conducted for many years. She remained single, and when, after the death of Mrs. White, the schoolmistress again met her former sweetheart the old affection was revived on both sides. Mr. White, now eighty-four, proposed once more, and was accepted, a dispensation for the marriage was obtained from the Pope, and the long-deferred wedding has at last taken place.

DYING BOY BARKS LIKE DOG.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Was Fatally Bitten While at Play.

A mad dog bit ten-year-old Bernard Selley, of Trenton, N. J., one night not long ago, and now the little chap is dead. He was only in the hospital for a day, during which he barked continually. In his delirium he chased a physician from the room before he could be chloroformed. The dog also bit a little girl, but so far no serious results have developed in her case.

OBJECTION TO TIMBER POLICY

T. W. PATERSON GIVES VIEWS ON SUBJECT

He Thinks It Is Impossible to Introduce Ontario System at Present.

T. W. Paterson has served the legisture of the province. He has also had considerable experience in connection with the lumbering industry.

As a member of the House some years ago Mr. Paterson suggested that there was room for improvement with respect to the provincial administration of the timber resources. And to a reporter this morning he reiterated this idea.

But Mr. Paterson does not think the government has fairly observed the proprieties of the case in launching its "reserve" policy with such surprising suddenness. While there has been some suggestion that a change in the timber laws was in contemplation, there was absolutely no intimation, said Mr. Paterson, that a reserve was going to be placed. That this abrupt method of dealing with a great asset of the province will entail considerable loss and discomforture is patent, he says, to anybody at all acquainted with the timber business. He confessed that he could see no good reason why a reasonable notice of the government's intention should not have been given.

Mr. Paterson expressed concurrence with the principle of the reserve. But in order to have proper effect it should have been enacted many years ago. The timber held under license and lease at the present time could not be cut—that is commercially—in the next thirty years, and even if there were markets for it and it could be profitably cut, the transportation system of the country would be insufficient to get it out.

Mr. Paterson said he thought it was too late now to introduce the Ontario system to the timber laws of this province. Twenty years ago it would have been alright. But it would be unfair now to adopt the Ontario system in the face of all the licenses and leases which have been acquired under the laws which have obtained here.

"For instance," he says, "there are millions of acres of timber lands now held under special license. The Ontario system provides that the timber shall be put up at auction, the party buying it giving a bonus to the government. Suppose they put up the timber here for competition and the government received a bonus from the buyer, the purchaser would be at a great disadvantage, having paid that bonus, as against those who had acquired timber under the old system."

"Strongheart."

"Strongheart," a comedy drama by William C. De Mille, will be presented by Ralph Stuart and his company under the direction of Henry B. Harris, at the Victoria theatre on Thursday, January 2nd.

As the college bred Indian, whose name furnishes the title of the play, Mr. Stuart by a characterization of unusualness and power, seems certain to increase the large measure of popularity already won by him in his former successes. Mr. De Mille presents the problem of the educated Indian in love with a woman not of his own race. This unconventional story is placed in an equally out of the ordinary setting—Columbia university with youthful college life, its campus heroes and its football game. Mr. Stuart will be supported by a carefully selected company, containing many well known players.

BRITISH TRADE BOOMING.

In spite of the high bank rate and the financial stringency all over the world, British trade continues to show remarkably satisfactory figures. The imports were $6,990,100 higher in November than they were in the same month of 1906. The exports for last month are $8,630,350 higher than last November. Both these increases, however, are materially less than the increases of November, 1906, over November, 1905. But, even making allowance for that, our trade in 1907, will beat all previous records. In eleven months it has reached the astounding total of $5,343,133,275, and by the last day of this month it will have reached the quite respectable sum of over $55,000,000.

Both the exports and imports of bullion have increased. Last month England received $60,913,160 in bullion and specie, and sent out $51,152,610. The rise in imports is due to the increased cost of grain and flour. There has been an increase of nearly $15,000,000 in exports, but a decrease in foreign and colonial produce re-exported.

PRICE OF PEACE.

A story is told of Verdi, the famous composer, which shows that he was willing to pay a good price for what he considered comfort.

A friend who went to call upon him in a small watering place found the composer in a little room which he informed his visitor served him for dining room, sitting room and bedroom.

"I have two other rooms which are large," he said to his friend, "but I keep articles hired by me in them. I have here ninety-five barrel organs."

He paused to note his friend's surprise, and then continued:

"When I came here my ears were tortured by hearing them play "Trovatore," "Rigoletto," and similar stuff. I hired them from their owners. I pay about fifteen hundred lire for them, and enjoy my summer's rest undisturbed by the sound of my own compositions."—Youth's Companion.

TO BUILD A HOUSE IN A DAY.

Mr. Edison, the great American inventor, who has manufactured a new patent cement, intends this winter to construct iron moulds and devise machinery, whereby a full-sized house can be cast in twelve hours after the moulds are in position.

VANCOUVER BELLE AS SHOPLIFTER

Bailed Out in Chicago by Kindly Farmer--Had Too Much Champagne.

A good-natured farmer who went to Chicago to see the stock show appeared as a rescuer of beauty in distress in the Harrison street police station. He signed a $600 bond which kept two "Merry Widow" chorus girls, Vesta Field and Jessie Bryan, shop-lifters, from spending the night in the woman's annex of the station.

"My name is Zachariah Campbell. I am a farmer from Orland, Ill.," said the bondsman when he appeared before Judge Sadler, accompanied by the attorney of the girls, Saul E. Erbstein. "The property scheduled belongs to me. It is valued at $4,000 and is not my homestead."

Mr. Campbell wore a slouch, light felt hat, a blue flannel shirt and an overcoat with two cockleburs decorating the rear. The surroudnnigs appeared strange to him.

"I never seed the little girls before," he explained. "I am a client of Mr. Erbstein's, and happened to be in to-day to the stock show. I'd hate to see the girls be put in jail. They look like pretty nice girls, eh?"

The flood of tears that had turned the chorus girls' eyes red gave way to smiles as the party left the court room. The young women showered their favors on the farmer, and he appeared to feel well paid.

"I'm much ashamed of what we did," said Miss Field. "I never was in trouble before. It looked so easy to steal off the bargain counter that we couldn't resist. We wouldn't have done it, but we had too much champagne. My home is in Vancouver, B. C., where my uncle owns the Palace hotel. We both have lost our positions with the show, but the manager has consented to furnish transportation for us back to New York if we are released."

Miss Bryan is the daughter of Dr. L. D. Bryan, of Marion, Ind., and is the divorced wife of Milton Wallace, a piano dealer. Advices from Marion are that the woman's mother is prostrated over her arrest, that the daughter never was in trouble with the authorities there, and that her friends are pained.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

DRIARD.

F. Elbey Worth, Washington; F. W. Harris, F. M. Dockrill, Vancouver; G. E. Ellis, Goldfield, Nev.; O. W. May, Vancouver; L. C. Shock Seattle; Parker Clark, Crofton; A. Burnett, R. H. Zarty, Mrs. R. H. Zarty, Mrs. F. I. Lewis, Wm. Breed, C. H. Louis, J. Osborne, C. O. Crosbie and wife, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. P. Lyall, jr., Miss Lyall, Winnipeg; W. J. Peabody, Windsor; J. K. Cornwall, Edmonton; Henry Lye, Vancouver; J. Van Bonsallm, Seattle; Frank G. Benson, Vancouver; A. R. Kelly, Tacoma; J. M. Smith, Vancouver; J. W. Bryant, Duncans; Mrs. R. B. Dier, Miss Rule, Ladysmith.

KING EDWARD.

W. A. Richardson, Seward; C. L. Roberts, Stanford; Mrs. J. H. Petterson, Lou. V. Petterson, Duncans; H. Puckle, Saanich; P. C. Small, C. H. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, Vancouver; A. Mopeman, Mrs. Mopeman, Keatings; E. H. Clegg, M. Faletto, Vancouver; H. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Winnipeg; A. Colson, E. Mortimer, Brandon; F. Schultz, Vancouver; R. E. Ferguson, Chicago; Miss Ferguson, Chicago; E. C. Chambler, London; J. T. McPhee, M. D., Courtenay; C. McDougall; J. J. Lane, Vancouver; S. H. Smith, Toronto; N. L. McConnell, Vancouver; E. N. McCallum, Regina; Mr. J. W. Cockburn, Calgary; Mrs. Cockburn, Calgary; Frank F. Graham, Vancouver; W. H. Cutler, Mr. Cardinall, Mrs. F. Cardinall, D. Taylor.

DOMINION.

Thos. Marshall, Elgin, Man.; W. B. Thompson, Chas. E. Filton, Orillia; T. M. Mair, J. Griffiths, Elgin, Man.; M. A. Weston, Vancouver; D. A. Wellman, Winnipeg; A. J. Perkins and wife, Seattle; M. Dean, Mrs. Buckett, Saanich; B. Duncan, Los Angeles; C. Allston, San Francisco; Ed. Henderson, Alberni; Wm. Allen, New Orleans; Fred. Steik and wife, Portland; J. S. Barstad, Spokane; Wright Porritt, Alberni; Chas. McHardy, Geo. Brown, Vancouver; H. F. Allan, Seattle; G. A. Allen, Duncans; G. D. Durham, Vancouver; R. T. Vyvyan, Mt. Sicker; W. J. Maxwell, Seattle; Geo. Howe, Toronto; W. Muirhead, Portage la Prairie; A. D. Drummond, Vancouver; S. Carlson, Butte; S. Bates, Elgin, Man.; H. L. Conne and wife, St. Paul; F. Humphreys, C. D. A. Barker, T. R. Morton, L. Gifford, Vancouver; O. Rolpcen, Walkerville; Wm. Milligan, Vancouver; H. Williams, Point Roberts; N. Clunes, Joe Clark and wife, C. E. Halpin, Vancouver; Edwin Smith, Duncans; F. Hewitt, Vancouver; G. H. Mackenzie, Vermillion; Donald Matheson, Mrs. D. Matheson, Miss C. Matheson, Armstrong; Mrs. Ellen Doig, Vancouver; J. S. Pineo, New Westminster; L. White, Agnes Gratham, Annie Ryan, Fred. St. Onge, Sammie Weston, Sid Clare, Nan Ryan; Mabel Wyatt, Spokane; F. C. Rattray, Banff; Thos. Polmise and wife, Ladner.

BALMORAL.

R. J. Cameron Vancouver; Major Heneage Thetis Island; Miss Heneage Mrs. and Miss Piercy Royal Oak; D. Allan Downey N. Saanich; H. Fisher, Metchosin.

VICTORIA.

C. L. Roberts, Stanford, Man; A. D. Goodwin and wife, Vonda, Sask.; A. B. Brown, Seattle; E. W. Bayet, Duncans; Alfred E. Smith, Mt. Lehmans; J. H. McTaggart, Moose Jaw; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, New York; James Langby, New York; Fred Greene, Bellingham; Richard H. Ullrich, Seattle; J. S. Mitton, St. John, N. B.; C. Stothard, Glendale, Cal.; James Wilkes and wife, Salmon Arm; M. Misch, Spokane; Jas. Beck, Clayoquot.

QUEEN'S

J. Bell, Seattle; W. C. Berson, Tacoma; E. R. Cook, London, Eng.; G. Wadsworth; London, Eng.; G. Borra, sr., Ladysmith; P. Borra, Ladysmith; S. Borra, Ladysmith; J. Martin, Nanaimo; R. Martin, Nanaimo; A. Buggart, Shawnigan Lake; C. O. Richards, Wellington; Thomas Price, Northfield; James Murray, Seattle; W. York, Ladysmith; J. Thomas, Ladysmith; F. McPartlan, Tacoma; C. Johnson, Seattle; V. Beane, Seattle; Mrs. Davidson, Saanich; Miss Davidson, Saanich; J. Haigh, Seattle; J. S. Pineo, New Westminster; Alf. Ellis, New Westminster; A. Pringle, U. S. S. Rush; J. Green, Esquimalt; G. Roberts, Esquimalt.

AFRICAN BUFFALO RARE.

According to the curator of the museum at King William's Town, Cape Colony, there is great danger of the African buffalo, once so numerous, becoming extinct.

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DEARER NEWSPAPERS.

Owing to Depletion of Forests American Journals Are Raising Their Prices.

Owing to the rise in the price of paper, which is one result of the steady depletion of the forests of the United States, the prices of American newspapers are everywhere going up. The following is a list of newspapers which have either raised their price from 1 cent to 2 cents, or have announced their intention to do so in the immediate future: Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, Perth Amboy News, Perth Amboy Chronicle, Indianapolis Morning Star, Terre Haute Star, Muncie Star, Pittsburg Gazette Times, Montreal La Presse, Montreal La Patrie and Joliet Daily News.

Some of the above are important journals; others are small-beat papers. The weekly journals in the above towns have advanced their price from 5 cents to 10 cents.

The paper Trust has been blamed, but its head declares that "it costs us 50 per cent. more to make paper than it did a few years ago."

The Detroit Free Press says: "The advance of paper is threatening to end the day of one cent newspapers. The production of newspapers in the United States has caused such an enormous consumption of wood pulp that the forests of spruce are nearly swept away. No substitute has been discovered."

The above facts explain President Roosevelt's proposal in his annual message to repeal the import duty on wood pulp for paper making.

A UNIQUE MODEL FOR A YOKE WAIST.

New ideas in separate waists are always acceptable to the smart woman, and it is a foregone conclusion that she will be especially glad of the novel design here shown, since it offers unusual opportunities for the display of handsome materials. The shaping of the waist is unique, and to a woman of good figure it will prove most becoming. The V-shaped neck is outlined by a quaint lappet collar, which, besides opening a way for the display of handsome embroidery or lace, attractively encloses the simulated chemisette. The waist is here made of silk, with all-over lace for the sleeves and yoke-chemisette and Oriental embroidery for the lappet collar. It would, however, develop well in any rich material. 3¼ yards 27 inches wide being needed for the medium size.

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Address The Times Pattern Dept., Broad St., Victoria, B. C.

MAYORALTY

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the earnest request of a number of citizens, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Mayor at the forthcoming municipal election, therefore request your vote and influence.

Respectfully yours,
LEWIS HALL.

FOR MAYOR

ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I purpose being a Candidate at the coming Election.

With haertiest guid wishes o the season.

W. J. HANNA.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman in Ward No. 2 at the forthcoming municipal election, and request your vote and influence.

Respectfully yours,
A. M. BANNERMAN.

FOR REEVE

To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your votes and influence.

Yours respectfully,
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Persons wishing to engage help of any description are hereby requested to state their requirements in writing in as few words as possible, and address the same to the "Employment Bureau," City Hall.

All persons seeking employment may apply at the "Employment Bureau" at the City Hall, which will be temporarily located in the Committee Room.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18, 1907.

CIVIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Voters' List, of the City of Victoria, was, on the 10th day of December, 1907, posted on the Bulletin Board at the City Hall, Victoria, and will remain so posted until the sitting of the Committee of Revision, and that the Committee of the City Council appointed on the 9th day of December, 1907, as a Court of Revision on said list, will sit, for the purpose of revising said list, on Friday, the 3rd day of January, 1908, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the hour of 10 a.m.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., 23rd Dec., 1907.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.

IF IT'S CORRECT, "CHRISTIE" HAS IT.

Christie's Big Annual Stock Taking Sale Opens Monday Morning, Dec. 30

$20,000 WORTH OF THE CHOICEST SHOES ON THE MARKET

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SALE PRICE $4.50

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SALE PRICE ..... 60c. pair

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Regular $3.50, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00.
SALE PRICE $2.50

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Regular $2.25.
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Marine and Shipping

WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORT

Tatoosh, Dec. 29, (1 p. m., by wireless).—Clear. Wind east, 20 miles. Bar. 29.95., tempt. 43. Four-masted schooners Wilbert Smith and Banbridge, passed out at 9:25 a. m. Four-masted barque Dumfrieshire, outward, and two other schooners, name not known, outward in tow.

Tatoosh, Dec. 29, (7 p. m., by wireless).—Clear. Wind east, 50 miles. Bar. 29.89, temp. 39.

Pachena, Dec 29, (7 p. m., by wireless).—D. G. S. Quadra here all day landing supplies. Reports Amur passing inward at 3 p. m.

Tatoosh, Dec. 30, (9 a. m., by wireless).—Cloudy wind, velocity 50 miles an hour. Bar. 29.44; temperature 41. Schooner Invincible passed out at 8 o'clock.

TEN LIVES LOST.

In a collision a fortnight ago off Folkestone, England, between the Glasgow sailing ship Forfashire and the Dutch steamer Scheldestroom, ten sailors lost their lives.

It was a wild, stormy night when the collision occurred. The Forfashire struck the Scheldestroom abaft the funnel, which was smashed in an extraordinary manner, while the sailing vessel left her figure-head close to it, then disappeared in the darkness. The Dutch vessel had a great hole in her side, leading to the engine-room, and began to make water fast. Four of the crew in their terror jumped into the sea, no doubt expecting to be picked up by the colliding vessel. They were never seen again.

Helplessly the steamer drifted nearer and nearer the shore, and the captain thinking she was about to founder, ordered out one of the boats. In this he and twelve of the crew clambered. The coast line, of course, was unfamiliar, and on nearing the shore they got into difficulties, and the boat was overturned. Several were drowned, but some, headed by the chief engineer, who urged them not to give up hope, managed to reach the shore.

Then, however, they found themselves face to face with a steep, rugged cliff. The men were for giving up the struggle, but the engineer urged them to renewed efforts, and they started to climb the cliff. Digging their fingers into the earth, scrambling from one ledge of rock to another, slipping and sliding, it was an arduous task, but finally the last of the survivors reached the top. So exhausted were they that they wanted to lie down in the wet and cold, but their leader once more persuaded them to keep moving.

Meanwhile some fishermen who, unable to render assistance, had watched the struggle, made their way to the top of the cliffs, and the weary mariners were soon comfortably housed in the town below.

Presently the lifeboat Leslie reached the steamer, but found she had been forestalled by a little boat rowed by four fishermen, who had been asked by the Scheldestroom's mate to lie alongside until the lifeboat arrived. Then those remaining on board were taken ashore. The bodies of the captain and three of the sailors have been washed ashore.

The loss of life is the more deplorable as the damaged steamer was so near safety. She lay only about 200 yards off Folkestone mailboat pier, and had the captain and the others remained on board they would all have been saved.

ALLISON SUCCEEDS RINDER.

W. H. Allison, for the past year assistant to J. T. Ford, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has been promoted to the post of assistant marine superintendent for the company, vice John H. Rinder, resigned. Mr. Allison left Friday night for San Francisco and will assume his duties on January 1st.

Mr. Allison has been in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for many years and is well-fitted to perform the duties of his new office, says the Tacoma Ledger. Before his appointment as assistant to Mr. Ford he was in the engineering department of the company and formerly chief engineer of the steamer Queen. While on the Queen he made a study of ship construction and, by hard work, has mastered the shipping business. Mr. Allison has been succeeded by T. W. Spencer, formerly chief engineer of the steamer City of Puebla and is very well known.

Captain Rinder went to the Pacific Coast company from the Hill steamer Minnesota. He is an able shipmaster and stands high among mariners. He has not stated what his future business connections may be.

MARY E. FOSTER DAMAGED.

Buffeted by a gale which kept her on her beam ends for two weeks, sprang her mizzen and spanker masts, carried away her foresail and split several other sails and washed overboard 10,000 feet of lumber, the schooner Mary E. Foster, Captain Johnson, put into San Francisco for repairs on Friday night.

The Mary E. Foster is bound from Grays Harbor for South American ports, her cargo consisting of lumber. The heavy weather was first encountered December 12th. Captain Johnson reports his voyage so far to have been one of the roughest in all his coastwise experience.

TO SURVEY ARCTIC ISLANDS.

News has reached here from Ottawa that the Dominion government has under consideration the advisability of dispatching a large expedition of surveyors next summer to the Arctic regions for the purpose of making a detailed survey of the various islands in the Arctic archipelago on which the British flag was formally planted last year by Captain Bernier, the Canadian explorer, says the Vancouver Province.

The idea is to map these polar regions in detail. Once this task shall have been accomplished, it is regarded that "land grabbing" nations with ambitious designs will cease to have aspirations for annexing what is regarded as territory under the sovereignty of the Dominion.

The claim of Canada to these northern islands, extending as they do in an unbroken chain from the northern portion of the continent to the North Pole, is regarded as secure, according to the principles of international law. According to the information received here, the details of the survey will be arranged by Surveyor-General Deville. It is expected that the surveyors will be occupied in the north for four years. A relief expedition will be dispatched to the north every summer in order to bring supplies and secure the necessary topographical data. Most of the names already given the islands up there have already been confirmed by the Dominion Geographical Board. A number of British Columbia surveyors intend to apply for positions with the survey party.

EXPLOSION ON POWERBOAT.

A special dispatch to the Times from Fort Townsend to-day says: An explosion on the gasoline schooner Alice last night blew Harry McKnight, of the Standard Oil Co., out through the hatch and seriously injured Peter Norby, who was repairing the six hundred gallon gasoline tank. McKnight, though severely hurt, ran for a doctor and an express wagon, thinking his comrades blown to pieces. Norby was found unconscious while several workmen were slightly injured. The schooner, which is on the marine ways repairing, had her deck blown out and the inside of the hull is completely shattered.

DECLINE OF THE SAILORS.

The white wings of the sea decrease year by year. The general register of the Bureau Veritas, just issued, reads: The number of sailing ships of 50 tons and over classified by the bureau as 25,879, with a net tonnage of 7,245,608, against 26,579, with a net tonnage of 7,550,273 a year ago. The number of steamers of 100 tons and over is placed at 14,985, of 20,014,733 net tons, against 14,656 of 18,927,258 net tons a year ago. The sailing ships show a falling off in the past year of 700, with a decline in tonnage of 304,665. Great Britain's sailing fleet tonnage fell off 120,000 tons.

In 1895 Great Britain's sailing tonnage exceeds that of the United States by 2,000,000 tons, but in the present year this excess has sunk to 221,000 tons, so rapidly is the British sailing fleet diminishing, while the steam tonnage grows yearly:

The following is a table of sailing ship net tonnage for the present year:

Great Britain	1,683,000
United States	1,482,000
Norway	702,000
Russia	564,000
France	521,000
Italy	473,000
Germany	444,000
Sweden	248,000
Turkey	186,000
Japan	168,000

Between the years 1895 and 1907, the world's steam tonnage has almost doubled, while the sailing fleets have decreased by 19 per cent. The increase in the steam tonnage in the past twelve months amounts to 329 vessels, of 1,087,375 tons net.

The relative positions are as follows in net tons:

Great Britain	10,183,000
Germany	2,267,000
United States	1,263,000
France	736,000
Norway	775,000
Japan	666,000
Italy	518,000
Holland	510,000
Russia	505,000
Sweden	459,800

TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE.

New York, Dec. 28.—With one of her passengers dead and another injured seriously, and with her decks battered and scarred by tremendous waves, the Russian steamer Saratov arrived here to-day from Libau and Rotterdam.

The voyage was a continuous struggle with wind and waves. Heavy weather was encountered from the start and the 17 cabin and 827 steerage passengers were kept closely confined to their quarters. On December 21st, an immense wave broke over her bows, and sweeping down, caught two women steerage passengers. So great was the force with which the wall of water struck the women that one of them was instantly killed. The other sustained serious, but probably not fatal injuries.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN STORM.

The weather experienced on Christmas night by the steamship Princess Beatrice was not conducive to festivity, according to the stewards of the vesse. Comparatively fair weather was experienced up to dinner-time on the holiday, but the passengers found, to their sorrow, that this was but a snare set by the storm god to brighten their eyes and their appetites. An excellent dinner was served and the ship's company were thoroughly enjoying the after-effects when the Beatrice ran into a strong gale in Millbank Sound, a place that has a reputation for choppy seas and cross-winds.

Sea-sickness spread like wildfire about the ship, and before the Christmas dinner had digested, the passengers were seeking their bunks and murmuring reminiscently of "dry-land."

The Beatrice arrived in port on Saturday night from Queen Charlotte Islands and Northern British Columbia ports. She landed 75 passengers at Vancouver and 4,100 cases of salmon from the Carlisle cannery, on the Skeena. She sails north again on Wednesday night.

LANTERN FOR LECTURES.

Capt. David Jones, of the marine and fisheries department, has received a notification from Ottawa to the effect that one of the latest pattern reflectoscopes will be supplied for the marine lectures which commence on January 3rd.

The reflectoscope is an improvement on the ordinary lantern, inasmuch as it allows of postcard pictures, book illustrations and prints of all kinds to be shown on a screen to illustrate subjects for which slides are not available. The machine costs over $300, and is specially supplied for the purpose of illustrating the lectures.

The lectures will be given by Capt. Jones on Friday night and every Tuesday and Friday night afterwards for three months.

LATE LAKE TRAFFIC.

Fort William, Dec. 28.—Though situated at the head of the most northerly of the Great Lakes, Port Arthur and Fort William claim the distinction of being open to navigation later than any other Canadian lake port. The steamer C. W. Moore arrived from Duluth today on one of the regular trips, she has been making all season. So far she has not encountered any ice to bother her in her trips across Lake Superior, and a continuation of the now prevailing brand of weather would allow her to make a number more trips.

CAMBRIAN BROKE SHAFT.

Cork, Dec. 28.—The British steamship William Cliff, bound from New Orleans for Liverpool, arrived off this port, having in tow the British steamship Cambrian, which she recently picked up in mid-ocean with her shaft broken. The Cambrian was bound from London for Philadelphia.

SWIFTSURE BUOY ADRIFT.

During the heavy gale on the 23rd the big buoy, established by the Dominion government on Swiftsure Bank, broke loose from its moorings and is now adrift. The bouy was a large one, combining light and whistle, and the D. G. S. Quadra has been ordered by a telegram from Capt. Gaudin, local marine agent, to make every possible effort to pick it up.

SHIPBUILDING IN GERMANY.

United States Consul General Richard Guenther, of Frankfort, furnishes the following statistics concerning the increase in shipbuilding in Germany:

The number of vessels built in the empire in 1906 was 760, of 398,151 registered tons, against 646 of 310,771 registered tons in 1905, and 535 of 267,991 registered tons in 1904. In addition to the foregoing there were built in foreign countries, on orders, for German firms, 119 vessels of 122,845 registered tons. This demonstrates the activity of the German shipping trade.

CASCADE LEAVES TO-DAY.

The steamer Cascade, under charter to the marine and fisheries department, which arrived in port on Saturday, leaves to-day for a visit to Yeddo Island and other fog alarm stations in the Straits of Georgia. She is taking an engineer to equip the alarm at Yeddo island.

The Cascade returned on Saturday night after building the foundation for a new beacon on Helen Point, Active Pass.

MARINE NOTES.

The Holt liner Oanfa, Capt. Lycetts, sailed from the outer wharf to-day for Liverpool after taking on a small quantity of general freight.

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Montreal, Dec. 28.—The steamship Lake Michigan docked and landed passengers at West St. John at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

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Cape Race, Dec. 28.—The steamship Columbia, Hamburg for New York, was 150 miles east of this point at 10.10 p.m. on the 26th inst. She will probably dock about 8 a. m. on Monday.

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The C. P. R. wharves to-day presented an animated scene, no less than six of the coast service steamships being tied up. The Princess Royal is laying over from the Seattle run, according to schedule, and about her are moored the Princess Beatrice, the Queen City, the City of Nanaimo, the Amur and the R. P. Rithet.

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Yesterday crowds of people visited the marine and fisheries wharf to take stock of the Bamfield Creek motor lifeboat, and the handsome craft was admired by all. The boat will leave for the west coast station in a couple of days.

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The Boscowitz steamship Vadso sails to-night for Bella Coola, Jedway, Skidegate, Ikeda, Naas river and way ports. She will take a considerable amount of freight.

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Tatoosh, Dec. 30, (1 p. m. by wireless).—Cloudy. Wind east 50 miles. Barometer, 29.48., temp. 32. Steamship Titania passed in at 10:40 a. m. Steamship Eureka passed out at 12:45.

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The steamship President sails for San Francisco from the outer wharft tomorrow night.

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TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

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19	6 33	8.4	7 40	8.4	12 39	9.5	21 12	1.5
20	7 21	8.6	8 24	8.5	12 58	9.5	21 48	1.5
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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

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TOWN HEAVED UP LIKE VESSEL

APPALLING STORY OF KARATAG EARTHQUAKE

Thousands Buried Alive in Bokharan Catastrophe--Scene of Desolation and Death

One of the most awful stories of earthquake told for many years is related by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, who for the first time gives details of the terrible upheaval in Bokhara on October 21st last. He deals especially with its effects at Karatag, which until the earthquake occurred was one of the most thriving cities of Central Asia.

There were about 1,200 houses altogether before the catastrophe, says the correspondent, who then continues: "There are none now. Karatag is become a vast churchyard, in which about 4,000 people, who were living and working a few days ago, lie buried. In the other towns and villages around, from ten to eleven thousand more are said to have perished.

"On the eve of the disaster nature was filled with portents, and men were seized with mysterious forebodings of what was coming. The weather had been warm, almost hot, until Sunday, October 20th. In the afternoon of that day the sky was lowering, the breeze turned icy cold, and suddenly increased in violence to a storm. The dogs howled unceasingly, the kine and oxen lowed, the horses paced the ground, and many of them in fright broke loose from their stables.

"Monday morning dawned sullen and raw, cloud mingled with cloud in deep masses. The wind roared maleficently, from time to time blinding lightnings cleft the gloom, and the thunder boomed now in the distance, now near at hand, the echoes resounding through the snow-clad mountains. All at once the houses creaked to the wild stormwind, and rocked like ships on the tempestuous sea. An earthquake! But earthquakes in Bokhara are frequent, and people generally wait, more or less calmly, until they are over. Many, however, rushed into the streets half-clad and half-mad with fear. But a hurricane was raging without, the thunder rolling ominously, while sheets of lightning lit up the city at short and ever shorter intervals.

"Hardly fifteen minutes had passed since the first shock when a tremendous boom was heard in the direction of a village named Kadadzat. It swallowed up all other noises. Then, in a twinkling, the whole town was heaved aloft like a ship hoisted on a wave of the angry ocean, the vault of heaven seemed to be falling in, explosion followed explosion as the dry earth burst and cracked, leaving clefts and fissures through which muddy water seethed and gushed and hissed. Then a deafening, maddening, maelstrom of sounds, and then houses and rocks, human beings and animals were engulfed in the murky void. Shrieks, groans, and shouts of men, women, children, the howling of animals, and the hissing of rushing waters were heard by the few survivors in the intervals of the thunder.

Thousands of Corpses.

"The bey, or governor, was among the few who remained unhurt in body, but scared in soul. For the sufferings of the living who were imprisoned in darkness everlasting, were exquisite. Pinned in among piles of ruins, their piercing cries and fervent prayers could be heard—heard, but not answered. Nothing could be done to save them. 'I could not dig them out,' said the bey. 'I had not the workmen, for everybody who escaped with his life fled from the awful scene, neither had I the implements. And thus many of them died, slowly, piecemeal.' When at last the bey gathered a party of rescuers together it was too late. Merciful death had ended tortures, and they could only dig out 1,827 corpses. They expect to bring up over 2,000 more very shortly.

"Karatag is but one town in the district of Hissar, and the earthquake destroyed many others, not only in that, but also in the neighboring districts. The villages of Chibitura, Kadidzat, Hoshbek, Shirkent, Naibek, and others suffered in the same way, and some of them to a like extent. They were practically wiped out; 824 corpses have already been recovered there. How many more still await the pick and shovel of the workmen one cannot say.

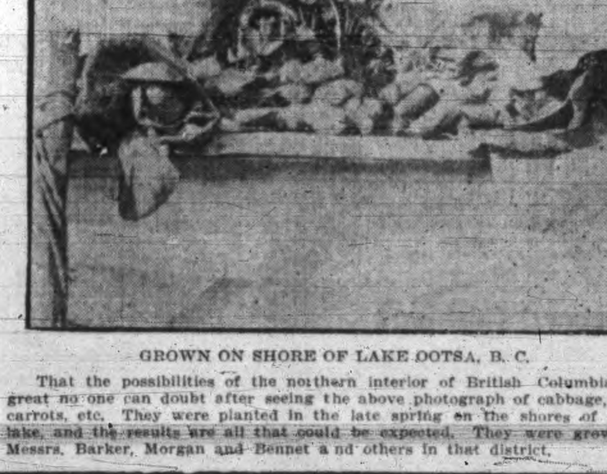
"The bey of Dinau estimates the number of deaths there at 1,200. The villages of Boulao, Vakhnu-Or, and Saghi were annihilated. In Yan-Goglak 209 people were killed, while Sapt-Dzhu and Dashn-Abd—both well-known places—were entirely ruined, and their inhabitants swallowed up. Altogether the total number of killed in the Hissar and Dinau districts is set down at 15,000, and it is thought that about 25,000 head of cattle perished as well. For miles around the pestiferous blast proclaims the presence of vast sepulchres, and in the fissures of the earth, some of which are 700 yards long and over three feet wide, black water hisses and rushes around the ghastly scene of desolation and death."

PACK TRAIN LEAVING BELLA COOLA, B. C.

This cut illustrates a pack train leaving Bella Coola for the interior. Such pack trains leave almost daily during the summer months.

DEADLOCK OVER.

Washington, Dec. 28. — The Persian legation in this city was to-day officially notified by cable that the Shah had taken in parliament the oath to support the constitution.



GROWN ON SHORE OF LAKE OOTSA, B. C.

That the possibilities of the northern interior of British Columbia are great no one can doubt after seeing the above photograph of cabbage, corn, carrots, etc. They were planted in the late spring on the shores of Ootsa lake, and the results are all that could be expected. They were grown by Messrs. Barker, Morgan and Bennet and others in that district.

TELEPHONE LINE IN BELLA COOLA VALLEY

Company in Process of Formation to Link up Points--Doings in Northern B. C.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Bella Coola, Dec. 16.—A telephone company is being started to run a line the whole length of the valley. Shares are now for sale at $10 each and quite a number have been sold. The company will seek powers to operate the line in the near future.

On Wednesday Nov. the 20th, here was a grand concert held in the new school house in aid of school funds, the building being well filled and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Rev. E. A. Green, inspector of Indian schools, was in the valley inspecting the Methodist Indian school. He gave at the concert a very interesting address. Mr. Renwith, who represents the Ames Holden company, gave some very fine selections on the flute. A good sum was raised in aid of the school.

A welcome visitor arrived in the home of Mr. Brynildsen on the evening of November 29th; both moter and boy are doing well.

The steamer Venture came in on the 14th, bringing a number of passengers, among them was Mr. J. McDonald and his wife; also Mr. Johnson with his wife and family. Mr. Johnson was in the valley some time ago and went out for his wife. He is very pleased with the valley.

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the mail service. However, the Boscowitz Steamship Company have promised to bring the mail in on the 1st of each month.

The Olga Copper mine has shut down for a few days. The plant has been working night and day for some time and has some good showings. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the roads. In many places they are simply impassable.

Sam Gladhill, the newly appointed mail carrier, has just returned from his first trip to Anaham Lake. He reports two feet of snow on the summit.

"GREATEST NAVAL SPECTACLE."

The departure of the little bunch of American warships from Hampton Roads is described by the New York Herald as "the greatest naval spectacle the world has ever seen in peace times." There were sixteen battleships only. The British home fleet alone consists of twenty-four battleships and ten cruisers, and it may be seen cruising around any old time. During the coronation there were three parallel lines of British warships anchored off Portsmouth and it took excursion steamers over two hours to steam out to the end and back again. Admiral "Bob" Evans' sixteen battleships could have joined the aggregation without perceptibly increasing its numbers in the eyes of the average landsman. — Ottawa Citizen.

"SANDY GRANT" DEAD.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Who Won King Edward Coronation Poem Contest, is No More.

Regina, Dec. 28 — Word was received here to-day of the death of Mrs. J. R. Marshall, at St. Catharines. Mrs. Marshall was a well known member of the Canadian Women's Press Association, and under the name of "Sandy Grant" wrote a considerable amount of poems and poetry, much of which was in the Scottish dialect. The remains of the deceased lady are being brought here for interment.

There was one achievement of which Mrs. Marshall was justly proud, and that was the winning of the prize for the best poem on the coronation of King Edward, and for which she received a personal letter of thanks from His Majesty.

NO U. S. AGENT IN LETHBRIDGE.

Lethbridge, Dec. 28. — C. I. Bowman, U. S. consular agent here, has received word from the consul in Calgary that this agency will be discontinued.

What Other People Think

STRANGERS IN THE CITY.

To the Editor: Mr. Jacob's letter in Thursday night's paper brings home to us the fact that outside of hotel and saloons and religious institutions, there is "no room" for the stranger on general holidays—so long as the public library is closed at such times. The expense of providing a substitute for such times would not be more than $25 for the whole year, and it is certainly up to the library committee or trustees to arrange the mater.

While a hearty welcome would be tendered at many places in the city, the feeling of obligation clings to them, but "Andrew's" contribution is taken as a matter of course and public right. When our Y. M. C. A. is located in the fine new building friend Brace is figuring on building very soon, the cosmopolitan status of the institution will no doubt afford greater inducement and comfort for visitors, and fellows who are away from home. But we should still keep the library doors open.

JOHN T. DEAVILLE.

VIEWS OF AN INDIAN.

To the Editor:—Reading a letter from one of your correspondents named F. Smith in the daily issue of your valuable paper of 26th inst, regarding the big amount being sent anuanlly by Chinese out of Victoria, and thus these Chinese are "disgrace" and "black spot" in the beautiful city," and those who "employ and encourage Oriental immigration are traitors to the country," it led me to think and write a few lines in reply, it you would kindly insert these in your esteemed paper. I myself am not a Chinaman, rather hated by them even in their land, and I know fully well how far your correspondent is right to remark such words. Christ, the so-called Saviour of the whole world and Son of God, before whom all the Christian nations bow their heads on every Sunday once or twice, teaches his followers in the so-called Revealed Book Bible, Matthew, chapter V., verses 43, 44, 48, "Ye have heard that it hath been said 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thy enemy.

"44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

Does your correspondent read these few lines taught by the Blessed Lord whose birthday, Christmas, has just been celebrated? Has he learnt such views of Him from celebrating His holy birthday, Christmas? If he is a Christian at all, I may say he is one of the "disgraces" and "black spots" on the Christianity. He thinks himself educated, civilized on western lines, and I am sure he is one of the white faced man. Will he allow Chinese and Japanese and Indians to say the same words to him? Let the white faced people come out of China, especially of Hongkong and Shanghai, and from Japan and India as well, and we are quite willing to go home. Does your correspondent know this fact, that the whole of Europe, especially England, depends on other Asiatic countries, especially on India, and if they are turned out of India what would be the lot of the English; where would they go? Your correspondent must remember that English are governing the Asiatics, and these Asiatics here are only to labor for a few merchants, and we, the governed people, know very well how far our blood is being sucked by the governors. Oh! Curse to such civilization, where thousands a week are dying of hunger and plague, and no heart is moved to do anything for them, and the poor fellows come abroad after hard struggle to earn their living and they are driven out; as "Might is Right," but the end of such cruelty and tyranny is very near and everyone will know it soon.

G. D. KUMAR,
Indian Religious Worker among the Hindus in Victoria.
28th December, 1907.

A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor:—I would not have taken the trouble to answer Mr. Davies' letter had he stood by the truth and not used such bombastic, nonsensical and insulting remarks. I have not the pleasure of knowing Mr. Davies, but by the tone of his letter I guess he is a little Cecil Rhodes on his own account, one that would like to run the whole British Empire with Chinese slavery and wax fat upon the products of their cheap labor. There are many of the same class in this country, I am sorry to say, who have no thought or care for their fellow countrymen so long as they can make the almighty dollar. They do not care who sinks as long as they swim. For they toil not neither do they spin. That is the doctrine laid down by Mr. Davies and his class. A man who holds those principles is a traitor, for he would deliver his country into the hands of the enemy. If the cap fits let him wear it. How would Mr. Davies like to work for a dollar per day? Why I am opposed to the yellow man. He will not buy or do business with the white man, only when he is compelled. His sole object is to make money and send it to his homeland. He will not settle here and try to improve the country. On the contrary, I know for a fact that there are as many as sixteen sleep in one room. They are inveterate gamblers. They make bad citizens. They will not assimilate. Putting it all in a nutshell, the white and yellow can never mix. They never have done so in the history of the world. There is no chance for a white man in China or Japan. They call us the foreign devils, and would drive out the few there if they had the power. They even murder our missionaries.

This question is not only a local one, but is affecting nearly the whole world. They were the primary cause of the Boer war. The late President Kruger would not allow them in his country. We have the race war in the Southern States of America, and if something is not done soon there will be a race war in the West. Mr. Davies speaks of the exclusionists as fanatics and not fit to have the title of Anglo-Saxons. A most sweeping assertion, especially when we have our Mayor and aldermen, and nearly all the members of parliament of British Columbia, and the Transvaal, Natal, the Cape, Australia and New Zealand, and our British Imperial Liberal parliament deadly opposed to Chinese labor. Australia and New Zealand even refuse admittance to Japs in defiance of British treaty. I have been in most of the countries mentioned, and I can truly say the vast majority of papers of the British Empire and America are opposed to this yellow peril. I hope they are not all fanatics and Mr. Davies the only wise man. Why, in England, the women drove the Chinese from the laundries with their bare fists, for they knew they were undesirable. England will not have them at any price. Regarding economics, I want none as laid down by Mr. Davies. I should advise Mr. Davies to study the economic principles of John Stuart Mill and Mr. Gladstone, and read Bellamy's "Looking Backward." Regarding the balance of Mr. Davies' letter about thousands of Mauretanias and flying machines, it is too much trash for me to answer. In conclusion, I should like to meet Mr. Davies on a public platform and debate this subject, "A White or Yellow Canada."

F. SMITH.

THE DIFFERENCE.

The difference in the political activity of the trade unionists of England and the United States is evidenced in the following facts, says the Weekly Bulletin of the Clothing Trades: At the American Federation of Labor convention in session recently at Norfolk, Va., out of more than 400 delegates, representing more than 2,000,000 men, there were but one or two Congressmen and a State Assemblyman, and these were elected in conjunction with one of the old parties.

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Amazing Story of U. S. Labor Conflict

By William MacQueen in London Chronicle.

The intensity of the struggle between Capital and Labor in the United States is a revelation to one used to the more orderly methods in vogue here. The reason may perhaps be found in the heterogeneous nature of its population and the consequent language difficulty that stands in the way of complete working-class organization, and affords such an opportunity for the adventurous labor politician. Capital is well organized, and is prepared, on any and every occasion, to swoop down relentlessly on those who disturb the status quo.

Landing in the States in 1902, I was soon made painfully aware of this. In the six months that preceded my arrest and imprisonment I saw more wanton bludgeoning of peaceful strike pickets than I care to see again during my lifetime. This naturally leads to reprisals.

I was just leaving my employer's office one afternoon when a deputation from the Ashley and Bailey branch of the Silk Workers' Union came asking me to go over to Paterson, New Jersey, to confer with them on the chaotic labor conditions then prevailing there. I consented. Paterson is a town with a reputation. The "yellow" press trace there all kinds of real and imaginary anarchistic plots; union labor men know it as a centre of small, mutually antagonistic unions, spoilt by rival leaderships. It's what a negro would describe as a "hoodoo" city; it's unlucky.

It was burnt down, blown down by a hurricane, flooded, and visited by a devastating riot—all in the short space of two years.

But, above all, it is a great place to make money in. The silk nabobs learnt long ago that the right way to get cheap labor was to boycott native help and to import from the slums of Europe.

When I first came to Paterson the latest cheap importation—South Italians, swarthy Calabrians, and fierce moustached Sicilians—were finding out that they couldn't live on the dollar or dollar and a quarter per day that had rounded so princely when described in terms of their native coinage by the astute Yankee labor contractor. They were on strike in the dye-houses for an advance of two dollars per fortnightly pay. Not that the "bosses" cared much, for they were getting their silk dyed in Pennsylvania, and had besides arranged for a select body of Polish strike-breakers. The weavers were divided against themselves. Some of the branches of their union were on strike also, partly for some minor grievances of their own, partly because they did not like the idea of weaving silk dyed by "scabs." Others, of more recent importance, not knowing their own strength, were in favor of letting things drift.

Leaderless Men.

Acts of violence were of almost daily occurrence, and the men's leaders seemed incapable of dealing with the situation. So inefficiently organized were they, although a majority of the weavers were disposed to be union men, that it almost justified the accusation round the town that the union was run only to pay the secretary-organizer's salary. At any rate it had little money for other purposes. The dyers were without funds of any sort, depending in their strike on the daily collections taken in the streets. Their leader was an unknown man, "brought to light by the needs of the moment," as his more enthusiastic followers were wont to tell, but who afterwards got rewarded with a saloon for selling his one-time comrades.

After studying the situation over in the light of my knowledge of English unionism, I told the men frankly that what was wanted was one union throughout the trade, which should be affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, and also to the General Textile Workers' Union. As a means of putting an end to the present intolerable state of affairs I advised them to adhere to the policy of those who advocated a general strike—the weavers to stop weaving until the employers had granted the dyers' modest demands. As the masters were exceptionally busy the strike must have been successful, and, as events showed, it was.

A new spirit of optimism spread among the men and enthusiastic audiences everywhere proclaimed their adherence to the principle.

On the evening of June 17th a crowded meeting declared a general strike, and arranged a further meeting for the next morning in Belmont Park, a pleasant pleasure ground near Paterson, which would serve as the men's headquarters and as a rallying ground for the demonstrations it was proposed to hold.

The morning of the 18th was heralded by the unearthly screeching of the steam sirens at the various mills as the masters accepted the situation and shut down. The road to the park was crowded with eager strikers long before the advertised time of meeting. A motley crowd, thoroughly international, gathered around the platforms where a resolution approving of the strike was passed by some 5,000 men and women.

Wild Scene and a Riot.

The masters were wavering, everything boded well for success. Of a sudden, however, the Italian portion of the crowd massed itself together and poured through the gates of the park. All sorts of wild rumors spread, and I, together with some of the men's leaders, hurried to the front of the crowd only to find them already engaged in riot around an adjoining mill. Their hot blood was incapable of peaceful demonstration; they wanted with one blow to right their wrongs. We tried in vain to check the tide—they either could not or did not want to understand us. From mill to mill they marched, wrecking machinery and smashing windows until met by the police in force.

It was a dramatic moment. The mob was crowded about a mill, known locally as Bamford's; in front a tall Italian was gesticulating, trying to make a particularly obtuse policeman understand that he wanted him to go away, when around the corner came flying a couple of patrol wagons full of police, who, without a word of warning, fusiladed the crowd.

A breathless moment ensued, an eternity it seemed to me, perched as I was on a neighboring slope, in full view of the deadly results of that fire. Then a pistol shot rang out, and glancing behind me I saw a man's arm extended bearing a smoking revolver. It was the signal shot. Fast and furious flew the bullets—every man's hand seemed to seek his hip-pocket, the heavy calibred police revolvers sounding strangely authoritative above the "ping, ping" of the lighter ones carried by the rioters. Then up in the air and over went the patrol wagons, and struggling from beneath, the police sought the nearest shelter. Elated by their success, the men and women swarmed through the mill, smashing the windows and cutting the warps on the looms.

Nothing now could hold them back. Headed by the women workers, transformed for the moment into virtual furies, they marched on, the women holding aloft their bleeding hands, fruit of their frenzied attack upon the mill. Foremost of all marched an Italian girl of about 17 years, a most beautiful woman, with hair dishevelled, and brandishing a revolver over her head. She was the genius of the riot.

For six long hours the town authorities were held at bay, until nightfall and the arrival of the military brought calm.

Dramatic Arrest.

Two days afterwards, as I was walking in the neighborhood of the Bowery, New York, on the way to my office, I was touched on the shoulder, and on turning round felt the cold muzzle of a revolver against my temple. "The captain wants to see you, MacQueen," was the intimation given to me by its owner. I was unaware of any effective answer to that cold barrel, so I went.

I was charged with "inciting to riot," and on a number of other counts. I was remanded to the Tombs prison for a month to await the extradition papers from the State of New York to New Jersey. I was placed in a cell on the notorious "Murderers' Row," where, after wrestling with unauthorized inhabitants of the bed I was assigned to, I discovered that I had an interesting cell companion in the shape of a young man of about 18 years of age, who proudly informed me that he had been in the "jug" on and off for a matter of seven years, and that he confidently expected to get a "two stretch" this time. I was edified.

Among the interesting denizens at that time were Patrick and Molineaux, two millionaire murderers, who were able to demonstrate clearly the extent of the corruption in American life by the special privileges they were able to enjoy. The warders fawned on them to a disgusting degree, and they were allowed everything short of actual freedom. Money has a great power. After laying there until I was well-nigh eaten by vermin, I was taken to Paterson for trial.

I could not, for the life of me, take the thing as seriously as my friends did. I did not think that it was possible to sentence a man without evidence of some guilt; it seemed too absurd. But I was soon to learn that American justice can be so absurd that it amounts at times to opera bouffe. If anything, I was the most moderate speaker during the strike campaign. I was more concerned with getting the men properly organized on British lines than I was about the immediate success of the strike. The ordinary press, prior to my arrest, had remarked upon that; the "Paterson Call" on the morning of the riot, declaring that "if Mr. MacQueen's advice was followed, all would be well." And, again, it was the Italian portion of the crowd that had rioted; those who could have understood me, English or German, were conspicuous by their absence from the disorderly scenes. Some fifty rioters were caught in the act—all were Italian. As I do not speak Italian the charge of inciting to riot was palpably ridiculous.

Five years at hard labor in the Trenton State Prison was my reward for trying to stop a bloody riot. I appealed to the higher court, to the Court of Errors and Appeals. One of the judges composing this court, and who also sits on the Board of Pardons, when asked to vote for my release, replied: "I don't care whether the man is guilty or not, we have got to make an example of agitators."

It seemed strange to me at first that none of the local leaders were arrested, but it was soon clear. They were too strong politically. One of them was in the running for the state senatorship. But there was no animus against me personally; on the contrary, I was commiserated with all around: "Somebody had to be sent up—you shouldn't have got in the way."

Guilty or not, I was to be made the "awful example."

ANNUAL TREAT.

Presents Distributed Among Scholars of Harmony Hall Sunday School.

The annual treat and Christmas tree of the Harmony hall Sunday school was held on Thursday evening last when the scholars rendered a selection of carols suitable to the occasion. A. T. Frampton, who presided, read a report from the superintendent, Robt. W. Clark, who was unable to be present through illness, and afterwards certificates were distributed to the scholars who had distinguished themselves by regular attendance, etc. Six special prizes were awarded to scholars who had committed to memory the largest number of Bible texts and these were obtained by Ebath Verge 504 texts; Mamie Verge, 486; Alma Irving, 448; Marjorie Jenkins, 297; Violet Watson (6 mos.) 207; Clara Hodnett, 237; During the evening a short address was given by G. H. Little, late of Manchester, Eng., after which the proceedings were enlivened by the appearance of Santa Claus in Arctic costume, who arriving by way of the chimney, duly distributed the prizes and good things from the Christmas tree, thus concluding a very enjoyable evening for young and old.

FAMINE IN TURKEY.

Arabs and Armenians Driven by Hunger to United States.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Additional advice from eastern Turkey and Armenia received to-day by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions indicate that the famine prevailing there is more severe than was at first reported, and the tide of emigration to America was never so strong as at present.

Secretary Harry Wade Hicks writes from Harpoot that on returning to that city recently he met hundreds of Arabs and Armenians going in the direction of Sassoon, and eventually to America. All these people were young or middle-aged, able-bodied men, representing the strongest element of the population in that country and sufficiently well off to make the necessary "gift" to leave Turkey and pay their passage to America.

It is estimated that 1,200 families have left the vicinity of Harpoot since last April, and the tide of the emigration is continuing to rise.

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BARRISTERS HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED

Five K. C.'s Named by Provincial Government---Appointments Made During the Week

This week's Gazette contains notice that five barristers have been remembered at Christmas time by being made K. C.'s. They are:

George Henry Barnard, of the city of Victoria.

Robie Lewis Reid, of the city of Vancouver.

Richard Thomas Elliott, of the city of Victoria.

James Albert Harvey, of the city of Cranbrook.

Archibald Dunbar Taylor, of the city of Vancouver.

The following appointments are announced:

Graham Rosoman, of the city of Enderby, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the Okanagan electoral district, and to have jurisdiction under the Small Debts Act in and for that portion of the Okanagan electoral district lying north of a line which forms the southern boundary of townships 15, 11, 7 and 4, produced easterly to the eastern boundary of the Okanagan electoral district, including the territory embraced within the city of Enderby.

William James Parham, of Sandon, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Herbert Charles Rayson, to be acting government agent, acting district registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and acting registrar of voters for the Alberni electoral district; acting assistant commissioner of lands and works for all that portion of Vancouver Island and adjacent islands within the Alberni electoral district, not included in the Nanaimo and New Westminster land recording districts; acting registrar of the county court of Nanaimo, holden at Alberni; acting deputy assessor and collector for the Alberni assessment district; acting recording officer for the Alberni cattle district, and acting gold commissioner for the Alberni, Clayoquot and Quatsino mining divisions in the place of A. L. Smith, resigned.

Charles William Grain, of 150-Mile House, to be acting mining recorder for the Quesnel mining division; acting deputy assessor and collector, and acting collector of revenue tax for the Quesnel Forks assessment district, and acting provincial constable, during the absence on leave of William Stephenson. Such appointments to date from January 1st, 1908.

Matthew John Knight, of New Westminster, and Henry Albert McCarthy, of Comaplix, to be justices of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

The board of examiners for the different collieries for 1908 are named as follows:

Cumberland Colliery.

Appointed by the owners—Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker, David Nellist.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council—John Kesley.

Elected by the miners—Joseph W. Horbury; alternates, Alexander McNeil, Thomas Leeman; secretary of the board, John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

Extension Colliery.

Appointed by the owners—Alexander Bryden; alternates, Alexander Shaw, William Jones.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council—W. G. Simpson.

Elected by the miners—James Glen; alternates, Thomas Doherty, William Anderson; secretary of the board, W. G. Simpson, Ladysmith, B. C.

Nanaimo Colliery.

Appointed by the owners—George Wilkinson; alternates, Charles Graham, John Newton.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council—Thomas Budge.

Elected by the miners—John Carr; alternates, George Moore, Daniel Livingston; secretary of the board, Thomas Budge, Nanaimo, B. C.

Michel Colliery.

Appointed by the owners—John Bastian; alternate Joseph Thomas.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council—Robert Middleton.

Elected by the miners—Thomas George Harries; alternates, Frank Campbell, Charles Fuchs, secretary of the board, Robert Middleton, Michel, B. C.

Coal Creek Colliery.

Appointed by the owners—David Martin; alternates, John Hunt, Harry Miad.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council—John McCliment.

Elected by the miners—Robert Adamson; alternates, Joseph Lane, Abraham Brown; secretary of the board, John McCliment, Coal Creek, B. C.

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HOMESTEADERS IN ONTARIO.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—The number of homestead entries for ten months to October 31st was 25,305, a decrease of 12,339, as compared with the same period a year ago. This decrease is explained as owing in part to the fact that the incomers were buying land outright instead of homesteading.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Changes in the Force—Parades Announced for the New Year.

Regimental orders promulgated by Lt.-Col. Hall, of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., are as follows:

The following extract from G. O. 174, November, 1907, is published for general information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment.—Chaplain and Honorary Captain the Rev. W. W. Bolton is permitted to resign his commission, 9th October, 1907."

The following men, having qualified in the regimental school of instruction just concluded, will be issued certificates of qualification as under, the first two named being a tie will divide the first and second cash prizes offered by the officers' mess: For Sergeants—No. 79, Gr. G. H. Swarbrick; No. 47, Gr. H. R. Selfe; No. 57, Gr. W. B. Smith. For Corporals—No. 138, Bom. W. C. Thompson; No. 277, Bom. S. L. Wilson; No. 274, Gr. C. Brigden; No. 106, Gr. H. Mathews. For Bombardier—No. 193, Gr. W. G. Eden.

All acting rank is hereby cancelled from this date, excepting Acting Sergeants F. Richardson and H. Earle.

The regular drill season will commence on January 6th. The company drill nights being as follows: No. 3 company on Mondays, No. 1 company on Tuesdays, No. 2 company on Wednesdays.

Recruits will parade on Tuesday evenings, commencing on the 14th January, under Co. Sergt.-Major-Instructor Macdonald. R. C. G. A. O. C. companies are reminded that recruits will not be issued with uniform until they have passed the adjutant.

The signallers will parade under Captain S. Booth on Wednesdays.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers' mess will be held on Thursday, the 16th January, at 8.30 p. m. Dress, undress uniform.

Office will be held as usual on Wednesday evenings, commencing on the 8th January at 8.30 p. m.

The officer commanding will be pleased to meet the secretaries of the sergeants' mess, company associations, and band on Wednesday, the 15th January, at 9 p. m., in the orderly room.

DON'T USE THE KNIFE.

That's the barbarous way of treating corns—dangerous too. Any corn can be removed painlessly by Putnam's Corn Extractor in 24 hours. Try it.

AFIRE TWICE IN ONE WEEK.

Selkirk, Man., Dec. 28.—Fire again broke out in the store of C. Hortwic here yesterday, doing considerable damage to both the stock and the building. Last Saturday the place was badly gutted, and yesterday the fire was discovered in the basement, where a large quantity of flour and feed was stored. The fire must have been smouldering for some time without being discovered.

WANT LABATT RELEASED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—There is talk of a petition being circulated for presentation to the authorities for the release of John R. Labatt, recently convicted of attempted blackmail, and sentenced to nine months in the Central prison.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the report herein referred to is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29th, 1907.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN ELIZA LESTER, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Ann Eliza Lester, who died on the 11th November, 1907, are hereby required to send the same duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay their indebtedness forthwith.

Dated December 4th, 1907.

ARTHUR LEE,
Executor, 11 Trounce Ave, Victoria, B.C.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

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Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

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MEN WANTED—In every locality in Canada to advertise our goods, tack up showcards in all conspicuous places and distribute small advertising matter. Commission or salary, $83 per month, and expenses $4 per day. Steady work the year round; entirely new plan; no experience required. Write for particulars. Wm. R. Warner Med. Co., London, Ont., Canada.

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WANTED—Position as housekeeper, by English widow, age 32, experienced, good plain cook, hotel or private. Please state full particulars. Apply Box 140, Times Office.

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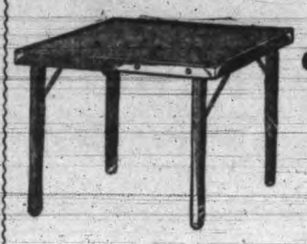
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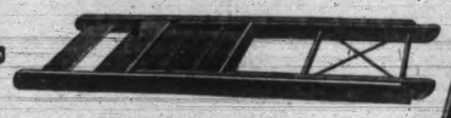

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Golden Oak and Weathered Oak, green felt or green leatherette cover, packed in separate carton, at, each $6.50

TABLE WHEN FOLDED.

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NEW CAKE STANDS

Something especially nice are these new arrivals in Reed Cake Stands. Some very attractive styles came to hand in our last shipment of Reed Furniture. Ever used one? If not, see these pretty new styles. Two leaders sell at, each—

$3.50 and $4.00

Special Values, Fine Pillows

Special pillow values are offered on our Fourth Floor. Among the new arrivals in this department worthy of special mention is a line of feather pillows in fancy ticking of extra quality. These pillows are unusual value at these prices. Pillows are sold at these prices and at lower figures, but not these sorts. When you need anything in the pillow line investigate our offerings and do not fail to see this particular line.

EXTRA GOOD VALUE
At, each ..... $1.00 and $1.25

Get a New Dinner Service for New Year's!

Why not get that new Dinner Service now? Get it before the New Year! You've promised yourself one soon, so why not get it and brighten the New Year's table with its presence? Just now we have a particularly fine assortment of dainty low priced sets for your consideration. The new arrivals last week are especially nice. Let us show you these. Shown on our Fourth Floor. Come down to-morrow!

IN THE WINDOWS

The windows are interesting these days. Just look at the Broughton Street Furniture windows and see the two cosy rooms there. Shows you how handsome some of our moderately priced furniture looks even when the environment isn't as it should be.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT PIECES

Someone forgotten at Christmas? Or, maybe, you received a gift from an unexpected source and wish to return the compliment—in either case we have some choice bits of the very newest designs in china, art pottery and glass left from the rush, that will answer the purpose.

We'll take a good bit off the regular price in order to dispose of them before taking inventory—which, by the way, doesn't dim their lustre a particle.

New Year's Requisites

Will you "receive" this year? If so, your sideboard will probably need a few replenishings in glassware. Few or many, we can supply them—plain or fancy. Prices consistent with quality.

¶ Decanters
¶ Claret Jugs
¶ Goblets
¶ Champagnes
¶ Clarets
¶ Sherries
¶ Wines
¶ Punch Bowls
¶ Punch Cups
¶ Lemonades

SPECIAL DISPLAYS

The Second Floor, always an interesting place, is this week doubly so. Some handsome new arrivals in Carpets and Rugs, the special Oriental Display and the unusual efforts of the Manchester Department combine to make it a most interesting spot.

CLEARANCE OF HOLIDAY LEFT-OVERS

The best Christmas trade we ever had, leaves our stock with fewer of the things a merchant naturally dislikes to carry, than usual.

These we are willing to part with at a material reduction in price.

There are some very choice pieces of Art Pottery, China, Art Glass, and some Novelties which are just as rich, handsome and valuable as they were a week ago.

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FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28. — Death came with shocking suddenness this morning to Mrs. Emmo Brittain, a visitor to the city from England, who has been living with her niece on McDermot avenue. Mrs. Brittain, since her arrival here, had not been in the best of health. Her heart troubled her to a great extent, and Dr. Peat had been in attendance for several days. Mrs. Brittain arose this morning feeling fairly well. She ate a hearty breakfast, and had been sitting for some time in the front room. A water pipe broke, making considerable noise, and Mrs. Brittain fell back dead.

TORONTO BLAZE.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Fire on Saturday did damage to the extent of $15,000 to a building occupied by Geo. H. Hees, Son & Co., and other firms on Bay street. The insurance was about $5,000.

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DETERMINED TO END BELL MONOPLY

Manitoba Government Taking Exhaustive Valuation of Telephone System in Province.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Yesterday O. F. French, chief telephone expert for the Manitoba government, concluded his valuation of the Bell system at Brandon, and is to-day visiting country points, looking over the Bell plant at the points visited, preparatory to presenting a complete report on the valuation of the system of the company in Manitoba.

Mr. Frencyh visited Portage la Prairie on Thursday, and made an inspection of the plant in that town, and has forwarded to the government his finding in regard to that point. The engineer has already gone over the Winnipeg system, and has handed his report to Premier Roblin. The reports on the Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie exchanges are expected to show that C. E. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone Company, has greatly overvalued his plant at these points, and that the market value is not obtainable.

It is said that the government is in possession of reliable information to show that the Bell system in Manitoba can be duplicated for about one million dollars less than President Sise has asked for his plant, which is in the neighborhood of $3,500,000, but it is said that the government is willing, however, to meet Mr. Sise half way and pay a little more than the plant is worth, so that Manitoba may be freed from the Bell monopoly.

It was further learned to-day that the government expects to have Mr. French's report presented early next week, and that if the report warrants the government proceeding further in the matter an agreement of sale will be drawn up and executed in the ordinary way, and that the agreement will be sent to the House for ratification, after which the Bell system in Manitoba will pass into the control of the provincial govenment. It is understood that the system on its being taken over by the government will be run by a commission. More than one member of the cabinet is favorable to this being done, as being most advantageous to all concerned.

The opposition, led by C. J. Mickle will, it is understood, ask for a return of all correspondence between the government and the Bell Company, with a view to finding out the exact state of the negotiations.

EVELYN A NERVOUS WRECK.

Wife of Harry Thaw Agitated Over Prospect of New Witness in Roof Garden Murder Case.

New York, Dec. 30.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is still quite ill and it is said that the prospect of a new witness for the district attorney at the trial of Harry Thaw on January 6th has had not a little to do with preventing her from recovering her health. She has become very nervous and even the smallest things are said to annoy her. She is practically a nervous wreck.

This matter of the testimony of Miss Simonton is believed to have caused her a great deal of worry. She has been so ill during the fall and winter that she missed many visits to her husband in the Tombs.

LAYING EGGS AGAINST TIME.

The Utility Poultry Club gave some figures of the year's laying competition which was started some months ago near Braintree, Essex, England. Each pen consists of six pullets, and in the first two months white Wyandottes have scored first and second, with 156 eggs and 135 eggs respectively; Buff Plymouth Rocks third, with 130. One pullet laid 32 consecutive days, and became broody. The highest score of the last 31 days was 26 eggs by a Barred Plymouth Rock.

WONDERFUL NEW GUN.

English Officer's Invention That May Go to Foreign Power—War Office Indifferent.

Unless the British war office changes its attitude it is extremely probable that what appears to be the most efficient machine gun yet invented will be driven into the hands of a foreign power.

The invention (according to the Standard) is that of Major Fitzgerald, who claims that it is worth $1,250,000. The German military attache is said to have been greatly impressed by it, and F. A. Roberts, of King William street, London, who is acting for Major Fitzgerald, states that a representative of the Japanese government will shortly examine it.

The chief feature of the gun is a secret apparatus which keeps the mechanism from getting overheated, no matter how long it is used or how many rounds are fired. After a quarter of an hour's constant firing the temperature of the jacket of the present machine gun rises to 200 degrees and over, and this overheating, together with the rush of excessively hot gas passing through the barrel, is said to be frequently responsible for jamming.

Another advantage claimed for the new gun is that there is no loading mechanism to get out of order. The breech is enclosed in a rectangular metal box. In order to "feed" the eight barrels, which are arranged in two tiers of four, the cartridges are placed on metal trays, which are swung up to the breech, and by a pressure of the hand the trays load four barrels simultaneously. After the discharge the depression of a handle ejects the empty cartridges. While one tier is being fired the other is being loaded, a continuous fire being thus kept up. The gun could easily be adapted for sixteen barrels.

None of the operations is automatic. Despite this, however, the simplicity of the mechanism enables the loading and discharging to be done at the rate of 450 shots a minute. Other features of the new gun are:

It can be trained to any angle and fire down the side of a mountain or straight in the air.

The mode of sighting facilitates quick aiming night or day. It can also be aligned without touching the sights.

The recoil is spread over the breech mechanism, and is not felt.

It can be fired from any kind of conveyance or from the ground. The mounting can be done in less than five minutes.

No special plant is required for the manufacture of the gun. Anyone can be taught to use the whole mechanism in fifteen minutes.

It weighs less than 100 lbs.

Would Not Sell to Russia.

Major Fitzgerald is a Crimean veteran. "I could have sold the gun to Russia for $500,000," he said; "but I have no love for Russia after my Crimean days."

Ample opportunity has been given to the British military authorities to acquire it. The gun has been seen and approved by a procession of officers. It has been tested by, among others, Gen. Tweedie, Admiral d'Arcy Irving, Col. Rogers and Col. Maude, all of whom have testified to the efficacy of Major Fitzgerald's secret process for preventing the Barrels from getting overheated, no matter how many rounds are fired.

"The war office want the gun," said Major Fitzgerald, "but they do not want to pay for it. I had a letter quite recently from Sir Edward Ward, the secretary to the war office. He said he had been looking over some correspondence, and came across papers relating to my invention. 'Will you or Will you not,' he wrote, 'can you or can you not apply your cooling secret to the Maxim?'

"I replied that I never interfered with any man's invention, and I would take care that no one interfered with mine. If they want my secret they must take the gun as it stands. My gun has nothing in common with the Maxim.

"The cooling," the major said, "can be done for $1.25 a gun for twelve months. The gun itself would cost about $850 to manufacture. The weapon I am working with has eight barrels, but it could be easily adapted for sixteen barrels."

The matter for the moment is out of the hands of the major. He has authorized Mr. F. A. Roberts to find a purchaser, and Mr. Roberts says that the gun will be sold whether it goes abroad or not.

NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

Australia is likely to have a new issue of uniform stamps for use throughout the Commonwealth, without distinction as to states.

In a report which has just been issued by a board appointed by the Postmaster-General to inquire into the best methods to be adopted, it is recommended that the issue should be the best of its kind that art, skill, machinery, and the latest appliances can produce. This, it is suggested, will give better workmanship and protect the Commonwealth against forgeries, while the extra cost will be met by purchases made by philatelists.

It is estimated by Mr. Walter Hull in a separate report, says The British Australasian, that the returns from sales to philatelists, provided that the issue is of the finest character, will amount to $200,000 during the first year, and $100,000 annually thereafter. The board recommends that competitive designs, containing characteristic features of Australia, should be called for, that the competition should be open, and that six prizes of $500 should be awarded for each design selected.

FINGER RING WATCHES.

Swiss watchmakers are very busy fulfilling English and American orders for finger ring watches. Of these little watches Queen Victoria had three or four, and many ladies have such watches, although they are little worn. The simplest ones—a plain gold ring with the watch inserted—cost $120, but with diamonds or other stones $5,000 to $10,000 may be paid.

The cheapest kind is the plain gold ring, and is worn over the glove. These are used by men as well as women.

Sweeping Reductions in Ranges Lasts Until December 31st.

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"HER MAJESTY" RANGE ($8 with warming closet)	$65.00	$47.50
"HER MAJESTY" RANGE (without closet)	$50.00	$39.50

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"BLACK BEAUTY," steel range with high shelf	$16.00	$14.50

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